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Bush pledges U.S. aid to Tsunami survivors

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The United States is working closely with Indian Ocean nations to rush aid to the region following the tsunamis that claimed at least 80,000 lives, President Bush said Dec. 29.

Bush, speaking following a briefing on the situation at his home in Crawford, Texas, said the United States is “committed to helping the affected countries in the difficult weeks and months that lie ahead.”

The U.S. government has pledged an initial \$35 million in relief assistance. Bush spoke with the leaders of the affected countries. “We’re grateful to the American and international organizations that are working courageously to save lives and to provide assistance,” Bush said. “I assured those leaders this is just the only beginning of our help.”

In the past year, the U.S. government has donated \$2.4 billion in aid to nations suffering natural disasters. “We’re a very generous, kindhearted nation, and ... what you’re beginning to see is a typical response from America,” Bush said.

The president said the immediate questions are determining what must be done immediately, and what must be done for the long-term health of the region. “We’re still at the stage of immediate help,” he said. “Slowly but surely, the size of the problem will become known, particular when it comes to rebuilding infrastructure and community, to help these — these affected parts of the world get back up on their feet.”

The U.S. military is supporting the effort. The USS



U.S. Navy Lt. Mark Banks, of Savannah, Ga., tends to a patient Jan. 3, who was medically evacuated by U.S. Navy helicopter to a temporary triage site in Aceh, Sumatra, Indonesia.

Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group — including the USS Shoup, the USS Shiloh, the USS Benfold and the USNS Ranier — has been dispatched to the region from the South China Sea. The USS

Bonhomme Richard Expeditionary Strike Group — including the USS Duluth, the USS Milius, the USS

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Celebration!



PHOTO BY SGT. ANDREW KOSTERMAN

A Korean couple celebrates the coming of 2005 at festivities near Jonggak Subway Station in Seoul. Thousands turned out to participate in the celebration that featured a live show on Korea Broadcast Service, fireworks display and other amusements. A look back at the last year's biggest stories around the Army and across Korea begins on Page 3.

COLA survey begins, seeks input

175th Finance Command

YONGSAN – Starting today service members stationed in the Republic of Korea can make a difference for themselves and each other by participating in the Cost of Living Allowance Survey.

From now until Feb. 7, the 175th Finance Command will be hosting the COLA survey, available online at the 175th FINCOM Web site (<http://175fincom.korea.army.mil>), 24 hours a day. All service members are encouraged to log on to the site and complete the survey.

“The primary focus of the current survey is command sponsored service members with family in Korea,” said Sidney Keyes, Finance Policy Division, 175th Finance Command. “The data from this segment will comprise the core data.

“Equally important, however, is the supporting data we receive from unaccompanied personnel,” Keyes said. “All surveys will be carefully considered and used by the COLA survey team to construct the ‘big picture’ before presentation to the Per Diem Committee.”

Those who are unfamiliar with the survey should be prepared to provide information on the several issues, including: frequency of off-post shopping; names of off-post establishments regularly frequented; and various expenses incurred because of assignment to Korea, such as phone cards or parking fees.

For questions or inquiries regarding the survey, Keyes suggested participants contact their installation COLA

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MP Blotter

The following entries were excerpted from the past several weeks military police blotters. These entries may be incomplete and do not determine the guilt or innocence of any person.

■ Investigation by USAF Security Forces revealed that a Soldier was having drinks with an unidentified female at a club in an entertainment district. The unidentified female noticed some of her friends and sat down with them, at that time the Soldier grabbed the unidentified female by the arm. Another female asked the Soldier to calm down and he cursed at her. When she asked him not to curse at her he then struck her in the mouth with a glass and departed the location. A few minutes later he returned to the location and was apprehended by the security forces and transported to the SFCC and advised of his legal rights, which he waived rendering a written sworn statement admitting to the above offense and was released to his unit. The injured female was transported to an unknown hospital.

■ A Soldier entered a Military Police station to report an assault consummated by a battery. Investigation revealed that the Soldier was traveling on the post bus, when he noticed a fight in progress. As the Soldier attempted to calm the situation, he was pushed into a seat by an unknown individual. After shaking hands, the unknown individual began punching the Soldier in the face which knocked him against the bus window. Once he recovered approximately six to nine unknown individuals surrounded his seat, and began punching him at which time he jumped out the bus window. Due to his intoxication and confusion the Soldier was transported by unknown individual(s) to a local medical facility for treatment of a strained left hand. Investigation continues by MPI. Military Police were notified by the Korean National Police of a larceny of private property/funds and an assault consummated by a battery. Investigation by military police revealed a Soldier was assaulted and robbed by unknown person(s), on the street adjacent to an off-post store. Unknown person(s) by unknown means removed the Soldier's wallet which contained approximately \$200 in U.S. currency and fled the area. A search of the area by the KNP and Military Police met with negative results. The Soldier was transported to a local medical facility by ambulance for medical treatment of a head injury, he suffered a concussion and a two-centimeter laceration above his left eyebrow. Investigation continues by the KNP and MPI.

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Show restraint when making New Year's resolutions

By Staff Sgt. Mark Porter
Korea Region Public Affairs

Now that everyone has recovered from their New Year's Eve party, its time to look ahead to the coming year. Whether 2004 was a good year or a bad one depends on who you are and what you did over the past 365 days. Regardless of how the year treated you, though, it's time to put it in the past and turn our attention to 2005.

Along with a shiny new calendar, each January brings with it pressure to do more, to do better, than we did in the last year. For many people this means the return of New Year's resolutions – a sort of "personal dare" people accept in an attempt at self improvement.

Now, I don't have anything against self improvement, I simply don't know if setting sometimes-unattainable goals is the best way to kick off the New Year.

Yes, everybody would like to be smarter and healthier at the end of the year than they were when it started, but do we really want to determine the success or failure of our entire year by whether we reach a goal we set in January and might not even remember by December? Talk about setting yourself up for failure.

I look at resolutions the same way I do the decision to get a tattoo: Will I still think this is cool in the future? So, just as I have resisted the urge to have a "what Would Homer Do?" tattoo inked across my chest in honor of *The Simpsons* (Funny now? Yes. Funny when I'm 60 and trying to explain it to my grandkids? No.), I will resist the pressure to publicly pledge myself to a goal I might not care about months from now.

And the only mistake worse than setting your sights on an unreachable resolution is making your lofty goal public. There is a certain kind of person who delights in pointing out the failings of others.

Everyone has a friend like this: Tell them you want to lose weight this year and they will take a mental picture of you as you stand there talking. Then, throughout the year they will remind you of how little you've changed since January.

You would have to lose so much weight you practically disappeared before they would grudgingly admit you reached your goal.

Whether I like them or not, though, New Year's resolutions are a tradition that is probably not going away. So, I suggest taking a more

realistic approach.

For example, one of my resolutions for the coming year is to eat at least one thing each week that I know I shouldn't. Can you see the logic here? Now, when I decide to get the double Whopper instead of the salad on my next trip to Burger King, I can at least congratulate myself on sticking to my New Year's resolution.

Need another example? No problem. How about resolving to talk about studying for the promotion board a lot more than you actually study? Will it help you get promoted? No, but at least this way you can find a small victory in your laziness.

I am not suggesting we shouldn't all try to improve. Whenever possible, I'll opt for the salad instead of the burger, and if you're looking to get promoted, turn off the television for an hour a night and hit the study guide. But if you don't do it every time, don't beat yourself up about it.

When 2005 is coming to an end, I hope I can look back at the past 12 months, celebrate the victories and forget the defeats. I may not be able to forgive and forget all my mistakes, but I hope I can.

In fact, I'll make it my New Year's resolution.

Morning Calm Weekly Soundoff:

What was your most memorable experience of 2004?



"Going to a baseball game in Seoul." —Spc. John Lane, 7th Cavalry Regiment, Camp Hovey



"Going to Iraq." —Spc. Chris Morley, 1st Replacement Company, Yongsan Garrison



"Daddy bought me a 'Lord of the Rings' DVD for Christmas." —Joshua Wilson, 2nd Grade, Seoul American Elementary School



"Returning safely from Iraq." —Spc. John Wollastor, 1st Replacement Company, Yongsan Garrison

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NEWS & NOTES

AAFES Fuel Prices Drop
The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has announced a change in fuel prices for Korea, Guam and Japan. These changes are based on the U.S. Department of Energy averages from the previous four-week period. In Korea the price for unleaded fuel decreased from \$2.05 to \$1.90 per gallon. The price for premium unleaded fuel decreased from \$2.24 to \$2.10 per gallon and the price for diesel fuel decreased from \$2.22 to \$2.07 per gallon. Fuel prices decreased in Guam, while In Japan and Okinawa fuel prices increased.

Computer Club Meets
The Seoul Computer Club will meet at 2 p.m., Saturday, at the Seoul USO. The meeting will include a traditional holiday meal (turkey and ham dinner buffet). Richard Carey will speak on Web site development, commercial sites and basics of getting started, hosting issues and advanced design techniques.

160th SOAR Recruiting
The 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment "Night Stalkers" are looking for qualified aviators to fill positions in the nation's only special operations aviation regiment. Anyone interested in flying today's newest and most advanced aircraft, and working with highly trained and motivated Soldiers should contact the 160th SOAR recruiting office at RECRUITERS@SOAR.ARMY.MIL or call 270-798-9819 (DSN 635-9819).

Commissary Offers Scholarships
The deadline to apply for the Scholarships for Military Children program is Feb. 6. Applications for the \$1,500 scholarships are due at a commissary by close of business on that date. Applications are available at all commissaries, or online at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>. They are also available through a scholarship link at <http://www.commissaries.com>, the Web site for Defense Commissary Agency. The scholarship program is open to children of military retirees, active-duty, and Guard and Reserve servicemembers. Eligibility information is available at the program Web site. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

121 Clinics Open
The 121st General Hospital will open the doors to the new Ambulatory Care, Pediatrics and Occupational Therapy clinics Monday. The new main entrance is located on the north side of the hospital. Patients and hospital personnel may access the entire facility from this entrance. There is also a new patient parking lot adjacent to the new entrance. The original parking lot will remain open for additional patient and staff parking. Procedures to schedule an appointment in any of the clinics has not changed. Clinic telephone numbers will remain the same. All patients will enter through the new main entrance for all hospital business.

Road Work
A Library Drainage Project will close one lane of 8th Army Drive near the library through Feb. 1. Drivers should expect delays in this area.

Estate Claim Notice
A summary court martial officer has been appointed to oversee the estate of Thomas L. Knipper, who died Oct. 27. Knipper was a program analyst with Far East District. Anyone with a claim against his estate may call Jason Kim, at 721-7247.

Up-armored vehicles, new uniform highlight 2004

Eric Kremer
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – Protection of Soldiers, including up-armored vehicles, Interceptor Body Armor, and questions of whether the Army has sufficient numbers of them in support of troops in the field, were ongoing issues throughout 2004.

In March, Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker appeared before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations – Defense. They testified March 10 on the 2004 Army Posture Statement, the Army's blueprint of what it wanted to accomplish in the coming year with appropriated funds.

Brownlee told the committee the Army had called for industry to increase production of Interceptor Body Armor. As of January, the Army had met the OIF in-theater requirement for IBA. Production continued at 25,000 a month to field 840,000 against a total Army



Features on the ACU include Velcro insignia, repositioned pockets and a zipper at the top and bottom of the blouse.



A Soldier and Army civilian work together to up-armor a vehicle in Kuwait. About 80 percent of vehicles in theater now have armor.

requirement.

"There are now sufficient stocks of IBA to equip every Soldier and (Department of Defense) civilian in Iraq and Afghanistan," Brownlee said. "All Soldiers now rotating into theater will be issued a set of IBA either before they deploy to Iraq or immediately after arrival in Afghanistan."

In June, the Army introduced the new Army Combat Uniform, which will ultimately replace the Battle Dress Uniform. Among its benefits are pockets better positioned for access while wearing IBA. The new uniform also includes 18 modifications to the BDU, including a digitized camouflage pattern, Velcro patches and the removal of the color black.

Also in June, the Program Executive Office Soldier, announced that deployed troops would receive side protection for their IBA.

The IBA Deltoid Extension was one of dozens of pieces of equipment PEO Soldier officials showed off to the Pentagon press corps during a media briefing June 14.

Later the same month, the Army's Rapid Fielding initiative augmented

Soldiers equipment with 14 new items, including the Advanced Combat Helmet or ACH. The ACH is 3.5 pounds lighter than the old model and is cushioned on the inside, which sits more comfortably on a Soldier's head. It also has a different suspension system inside which allows a Soldier to fight more effectively when wearing body armor.

Beginning in February, the Army ramped up production of up-armored Humvees from 24 to 30 daily at the AM General factory in Mishawaka, Ind., to meet demand in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Brownlee visited the plant Feb. 13, located about 10 miles east of South Bend, Ind. He thanked workers for their service to the nation, and reinforced their resolve to get the best Humvees to the troops as fast as possible.

President George W. Bush's proposed 2005 defense budget earmarked millions of dollars for up-armored Humvees. Hundreds had already been approved for production for fiscal year 2004.

When the new Humvees leave the plant in Mishawaka, some of them go

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USFK: A YEAR IN THE ROK

From the introduction of the Advanced Incentive Pay to combating prostitution and human trafficking, 2004 was once again a year to remember in the Republic of Korea for those who live and work here.

Mar. 12: The Department of the Army announces a new incentive program to encourage Soldiers to extend their tours in Korea. The program is called Advanced Incentive Pay.

May 17: DoD announces plans to deploy the 2nd Infantry Division. This deployment is the first where units move from the peninsula to an active combat zone somewhere else in the world.

Sept. 17: USFK begins renewed effort to combat prostitution and human trafficking.

Nov. 1: USFK amends the drinking age from 20 to 21.



JAN.	FEB.	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
 <div>Jan. 9: Charles Toth becomes the new DoDDS-Korea superintendent</div>			April 30: USFK policy change restricts E-6s, below from having driving privileges. USFK leaders claim DUIs would decrease because of the change. Those affected claimed the change to be unfair mass punishment		July 15: USFK announces hiring freeze on Korean employee positions. USFK claims the measure was taken to reduce the impact of an impending reduction in force in connection with the 2nd Infantry Division consolidation plans.			Sept. 25: AFN hosts a talent search for upcoming radio and television spots. More than 60 participants from military installations around the ROK came to Seoul to take part in the casting call.			



PHOTO BY PATRICIA RYAN

Col. Ed Donnelly, chief of the Dominant Maneuver Division, G8, points out the Deltoid Axillary Protector on the Interceptor Body Armor worn by Maj. David Delmonte, systems synchronization officer for Soldier equipment.

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to O’Gara-Hess & Eisenhardt, a leading vehicle armoring firm near Cincinnati, where the vehicles become up-armored Humvees, known as the M1114 version Humvee.

The M1114 weighs about 2,000 pounds more than the standard Humvee and includes 200-pound steel-plated doors, steel plating under the cab and several layers of bonded, ballistic-resistant glass to replace zip-up plastic windows.

Before the increased production began, Maj. Gen. N. Ross Thompson III, commanding general for the Army’s Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command, said the Army was meeting the Combined Forces Land Component Command’s requirements for up-armored Humvees for operations in Iraq and doing it in a timely manner.

Thompson said the two types of up-armored Humvees, those manufactured in the United States, and those provided with an Armor Survivability Kit to be installed in the field, are provided based on combatant commanders’ requests.

The ASK increases a Humvee’s weight by roughly 1,000 pounds, and provides increased protection against attack by rocket-propelled grenades and improvised explosive devices. Separate ASK packages support either two-door or four-door Humvees.

Despite increased production of both vehicles and ASK equipment, questions about armored vehicles continued.

Secretary of Defense Donald

Rumsfeld was asked about extra armor by Spc. Thomas Wilson of the Tennessee National Guard Dec. 8 during a town hall meeting with Soldiers in Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

In a Dec. 9 press briefing, Lt. Gen. R. Steven Whitcomb, 3rd Army and Coalition Forces Land Component commander, told reporters there are about 6,000 vehicles in Iraq with factory installed armor, and an additional 10,000 with armor installed in the field.

“And so we understand that none of us wants to send a young man or woman into harm’s way without the adequate protection. And so our job in Kuwait, with our command and our soldiers — you can see some of them behind me in the forward repair activity that are strapping on some of these add-on armor plates to Humvees that we’ve got going. We work it 24 hours a day, and we’ve got the right folks working on it,” Whitcomb said.

In December, Secretary of the Army Francis J. Harvey said an additional 100 up-armored Humvees a month could soon be enroute to forces in the field.

He said there could be modifications to the Army’s contract with Armor Holdings, Inc. of Jacksonville, Fla., which currently produces 450 per month of the specialty vehicles. Robert Mecredy, president of Aerospace and Defense Group for Armor Holdings, told Harvey the company may be able to put out as many as 100 more a month, officials said.

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representative. “He or she has been trained on all aspects of this endeavor and will be able to help you with questions about the survey,” he said. For each installation representative’s contact number or email address, go to the COLA link on the 175th FINCOM Web site.

Although COLA payment is decided by data based on family spending patterns, Keyes said once COLA has been awarded to a region, all members regardless of their status will benefit. “Thanks to the participation of over 99 percent of eligible personnel during the

last survey, all USFK service members remained eligible for COLA which is based on rank, time in service, housing status, and exchange rate. Your participation is the key element to our success,” he said.

The site is available 24 hours a day from any computer with Internet access. A COLA information site, tutorials and COLA survey points of contact are also available on the FINCOM Web site.

For information on the survey, check the FINCOM site or consult your unit or installation finance office.

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Warriors see deployments, openings, closures

By David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP RED CLOUD — Warrior Country Soldiers and civilians serve in a vastly different region than they did just one year ago.

For the first time since the Vietnam War, U.S. Army units in Korea redeployed from the peninsula to a combat zone.

Camp Casey officials hosted a celebration to farewell 2nd Brigade Combat Team troopers before their departure for Iraq.

American forces left camps Greaves, Garry Owen, Giant, Stanton, Howze and Edwards vacant. Camp Bonifas is now in the hands of the Republic of Korea, with only a small U.S. presence. Today, all is quiet in the Western Corridor.

At the same time, construction and

2004 Year of transition

renovations at camps in Dongducheon and Uijeongbu reached a peak in 2004.

Camp Hovey Soldiers saw the completion of a \$2.3 million project to build an operations center and living quarters.

The Camp Stanley community welcomed a new post exchange and opened many new barracks.

In Chuncheon, U.S. Forces Korea announced the pending closure of Camp Page, home to the 1st Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment.

At Camp Casey, the 2nd Infantry Division opened a family assistance

center, which still supports family members of deployed Soldiers.

The U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud, changed command in 2004. Before and after the transition, the unit forged ahead with quality of life improvements.

In March, officials unveiled a \$30,000 CRC pavilion, paid for through the garrison's productivity improvement reviews.

Broadband Internet service became a reality for all Warrior Country camps in 2004.

Area I oversaw training facility upgrades at Rodriguez Range and Camp Casey. In February, contractors improved a dangerous Korea Training Center road with a \$1.4 million project. Division leaders also hailed the completion of a Camp Casey training trail, with state-of-the-art facilities.

Throughout last year, U.S. Soldiers joined with Korean allies in good neighbor events, like helping farmers with the harvest, building homes through the Habitat for Humanity project, visiting orphanages and retirement homes, and teaching English in local schools.

The events of the past year highlight the spirit of change and flexibility in Warrior Country. The following articles are a look back at glimpses of life in a year of transition: 2004.

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Farewell celebration honors troops

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY — Fireworks, live entertainment and a formal farewell were on the agenda Aug. 2 for Soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team.

The Warrior community showed support and best wishes for American troops bound for Iraq.

"Today marks an historic event," said Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, commander of U.S. Forces Korea, Combined Forces Command and the United Nations Command. "It marks the first time a forward deployed force stationed in the Republic of Korea has deployed to another theater."

LaPorte told the thousands of departing U.S. troops they are well led and well trained.

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PHOTOS BY DAVID MCNALLY

Country singer Colt Prather wows the troops Aug. 2 at the Camp Casey farewell celebration.



Second Infantry Division Soldiers bound for duty in Iraq pass in review for the final time in Korea.

Indianhead Division welcomes new leader

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY — Second Infantry Division Soldiers formally welcomed a new commanding general Sept. 14.

Maj. Gen. George A. Higgins is a returning Warrior Division Soldier.

"We are thrilled to introduce George and Marilyn Higgins to the 2nd Infantry Division," said 8th U.S. Army Commanding General, Lt. Gen. Charles C. Campbell, during his remarks at the Camp Casey ceremony.

Higgins first served as a battalion commander in the 2ID from 1991-92.

He most recently served as the assistant chief of staff for operations for the Republic of Korea and U.S. Combined Forces Command, U.S. Forces Korea and the 8th U.S. Army. Higgins arrived in Korea in October 2002.

The new commander is a 1972 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., where he studied alongside Maj. Gen. John R. Wood, the former 2nd Inf. Div. commanding general.

"George and Marilyn Higgins are a wonderful team," Campbell said, "who will bring with them a wealth



Higgins

of experience as they begin this tour leading this wondrous division."

Campbell described Higgins as an accomplished leader who has served in a variety of challenging positions in five U.S. Army divisions.

"I have every confidence that George Higgins will continue in the long tradition of outstanding commanders that have led this division," Campbell said. "Like those who have gone before him, he will ensure that the 2nd Infantry Division maintains its 'fight-tonight' readiness."

After graduation from high school in June 1967, Higgins enlisted in the U.S. Army. He attended Basic Combat Training at Sand Hill, Fort Benning, Ga., in the summer of 1967. In August

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NEWS & NOTES

FAST Class

The Camp Red Cloud education center is holding a FAST class for GT-score improvement 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Jan. 14. Interested Soldiers must take the pre-test of adult basic education, which is offered 8 a.m. every Monday in the education center.

Volunteer of the Quarter Luncheon

Area I Army Community Service will host the 1st Quarter Volunteer and Volunteer Unit Luncheon and Awards Ceremony 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Camp Casey Warrior's Club. The cost of the luncheon is \$7.95. All registered volunteers eat free.

Equal Opportunity Training

Equal opportunity/prevention of sexual harassment refresher training will be Thursday at Camp Red Cloud's education center. Non-supervisors training will be conducted from 8 - 10 a.m. Supervisor training will be conducted from 10 a.m. - noon. All U.S. civilian employees and U.S. military personnel who supervise U.S. civilian employees are required to attend annual EEO/POSH training.

RESUMIX Training

RESUMIX training will be 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Jan. 21 in the Camp Red Cloud Civilian Personnel Advisory Center classroom in Bldg. T 909. The program focuses on how to complete the RESUMIX process. U.S. employees interested in attending the class, should e-mail their name, organization and job position to HanKU@korea.army.mil.

Leadership Development Course

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will hold the Leadership Education and Development course Jan. 24-28 at the Camp Casey education center. Also submit your Individual Development Plan along with your DD 1556. The IDP is mandatory for all KORO employees.

Sexual Assault Web Site

The Army launched a Web site at www.sexualassault.army.mil, to promote steps leaders and Soldiers at all levels can take to prevent and respond to instances of potential sexual assault. The site includes links to Training and Doctrine Command training materials.

New Horizons Day

The 2nd Infantry Division will stand down to conduct training on command priorities and messages Tuesday.

Term III College Enrollment

Registration for term III college classes is open now through Jan. 14. Term III classes begin Jan. 17 - March 12. Class schedules are posted at post education centers.

Warrior Sports

Camp Casey's Hanson Field House will host the 2005 Warrior Division Company Level Basketball Championships Tuesday through Thursday. The event will feature qualifying teams from camps Casey and Red Cloud Garrison Basketball Championships. The top two teams will compete at the 8th Army Company Level Basketball Championship Jan. 26 - 29 at Camp Walker, Taegu.

Some Area I bases face closure

By David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY — U.S. Army officials publicly announced Jan. 12, 2004, the pending closure and reduction in operations of several Warrior Country bases.

"Camp Greaves will close," said Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald, the director of the Installation Management Agency, Korea Region. "We plan to have the move completed by Nov. 1. Then we'll lock the gate and turn it over to the Republic of Korea."

Macdonald made the announcement in front of about 400 U.S. and Korean employees and Soldiers at an Area I town hall meeting at the Carey Physical Fitness Center.

"We will also be reducing how many Soldiers we have at camps Bonifas and Liberty Bell from 200 to 43," Macdonald said.

The facilities needed to support the Soldiers of the Joint Security Battalion will be drastically reduced. Macdonald said there would be no dining facilities or Post Exchange, and only six

buildings to maintain.

Macdonald went on to announce the pending closure of Camp Giant, also in the Western Corridor.

"We will be moving many of the Camp Giant Directorate of Public Works' missions to Rodriguez Range and to some location farther south in the Western Corridor," Macdonald said.

The director emphasized the need for an environmental clean up at the closing facilities. He said the commander of U.S. Forces Korea, Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, is very concerned with the environment and has fully funded the removal of underground fuel storage tanks.

For many Korean employees, this was the first time to hear about the closures. Mun Young-bae, the Korean Employee Union Paju Chapter leader, expressed regret during the open forum.

"This is not what we want to happen," Mun said.

Mun asked Macdonald if he was aware of the Korean employee's demonstrations in support of U.S. Forces in Area I.

"The Army is changing," Macdonald said. "You've got to be willing to look for faster and smarter ways to do things."

IMA officials said the closures and adjustments are part of a refined Land Partnership Plan. The LPP was a March 2002 agreement between the United States and Republic of Korea to provide a comprehensive plan for more efficient and effective stationing of the U.S. military in Korea.

Macdonald said work would begin in August to close camps Greaves and Giant and realign operations at camps Bonifas and Liberty Bell.

"We're going to be learning, changing and moving for quite some time," Macdonald said.

(Editor's note: This story originally ran in the Jan. 16 edition. camps Greaves, Garry Owen, Giant, Edwards and Stanton have since closed, and the Republic of Korea is now responsible for camps Bonifas and Liberty Bell.)

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CRC firefighters ignite with puppy love

By Pfc. Stephanie Pearson

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP RED CLOUD — Camp Red Cloud firefighters welcomed their newest member, however this is not your typical firefighter. At less than 12 inches tall and weighing in at a mere 5 pounds, she is definitely the smallest member on the force - but that hasn't stopped her from winning the hearts of all who meet her.

Sparky is a 7-week-old Dalmatian puppy who joined the fire department Aug. 25.

John Cook, USAG CRC fire chief, said fire department officials had been talking about getting a "fire dog" for a while, but didn't jump on the idea until Lt. Col. William Huber, USAG CRC commander, suggested getting a Dalmatian.

"Dalmatians and fire trucks have been together as far back as I can remember," Huber said. "I remember visiting the fire department as a child during Fire Safety Week, and I recall a positive encounter with a Dalmatian."

Dalmatians have a long history as fire dogs that began in the 1700s with the rise of organized fire stations. Back then, firefighting equipment was carried on horse-drawn wagons. Dogs were trained to lead the horses through crowded streets,

protect them from other dogs and run ahead of the fire wagons to clear intersections by barking an alarm. Since Dalmatians have no fear of horses, are very fast, have the stamina to run as much as 20-30 miles a day and are easily recognized by their distinct markings, they were a natural choice for early firefighters.

Luckily for Sparky, the garrison fire department uses fire trucks equipped with alarms, so her duties will be less physical than her fire dog forefathers. However, they won't be any less important, Cook said.

"She's going to be a typical mascot in one sense, as far as just being with the guys," he said, "and she's already fitting in

quite well that way. In this station, she's raised morale a lot. But we're also going to use Sparky to help with the fire-prevention message, and to help keep people's attention - especially young people - when we go out on vehicle displays. She'll add publicity and help enhance the fire safety program."

"There are many families living in the area that must always be aware of fire safety and fire prevention," Huber added. "Sparky's major role is to promote fire safety, fire prevention and strong community relations. For example, she'll be trained to teach the community how to stop, drop and roll, which is an immediate action drill when escaping a fire. Additionally, Sparky will accompany department members on all community relations events in the parks, schools, and during station visits."

While the firefighters were excited about adding a Dalmatian to the force, finding one for sale on the peninsula was a little difficult.

"We searched the Internet, went to a lot of pet shops and finally found a breeder who had Dalmatians," Cook explained. "We did some talking with them, and finally came up with the dog."

Once Sparky arrived at her new home in the CRC fire station, it did not take her long to get used to her new surroundings.

"I'm surprised," Cook said. "Within the first day, she was getting used to the firemen, and she's already acting

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"We're also going to use Sparky to help with the fire-prevention message."

— Fire Chief John Cook



PHOTO BY PFC. STEPHANIE PEARSON

Chae Tae-pyong, a Camp Red Cloud firefighter, pets Sparky. Firefighters said the new mascot has boosted station morale.

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CAMP CASEY — The stars came out in force to entertain Warrior Country troops over the July 4, 2004 weekend.

Wayne Newton, Miss USA 2004 Shandi Finnessey and a squad of Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders gave a high-powered show at Rodriguez Range and Camp Casey.



About 500 servicemembers and their families fill the Camp Casey Hanson Field House for two hours of song, dance and comedy.



The Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders perform for Camp Casey Soldiers and civilians July 4, 2004.

PHOTOS BY DAVID McNALLY



Wayne Newton dazzles a Camp Casey audience.



Dallas Cowboy Cheerleader Emily Kuchar wraps Sgt. Shane Warren during the show.



Miss USA 2004 Shandi Finnessey greets the troops.

Camp Stanley residents welcome new exchange

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP STANLEY — Uijeongbu Soldiers and civilians welcomed the grand opening of a new Army and Air Force Exchange Service Shopping Center Complex June 14. The project is the culmination of two and a half years of work and millions of dollars.

"It is a state-of-the-art shopping center complex with the current AAFES standards," said Ronald Daugherty, general manager for the AAFES Northern Exchange. "It is much larger than the previous

store, and offers one-stop shopping."

Shoppers at camps Jackson, Kyle, Sears, Essayons, LaGuardia, Red Cloud and Stanley have limited AAFES facilities: There are two small stores and eight shoppettes between the camps.

Many customers travel either north to the Camp Casey Post Exchange, or south to the Yongsan Main Exchange, to satisfy their shopping needs.

"This major new store will offer about 7,700 authorized customers in the Uijeongbu

area a big boost in quality of life," said Lt. Col. Brian Vines, U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud commander.

Although construction began on the new Camp Stanley facility in November 2001, the project was delayed.

Heavy rains caused a retaining wall to lean. Engineers suspended the project for more than a year. By May 2003, the wall was reconstructed and officials gave the green light for work to resume.

"The whole project cost \$6.2 million," Daugherty said.

A walk through the doors of the new shopping complex gives the feeling of space. The ceilings are tall and the hall is wide.

On the left, the food court area, which opened April 21, contains a Burger King, Robin Hood, Baskin-Robbins and Anthony's Pizza. The windows give a view of the valley and mountains on the horizon.

"The new food court is a major source of satisfaction for the community," Daugherty said. "It provides a place to sit and enjoy the offerings."

Next to the food court, AAFES officials have positioned a military clothing sales store. The mall area, which extends from the food court to the entrance to the exchange, features many concessions and shops, such as a tailor shop, a laundry and dry cleaning service, an engraving shop, shoe repair, and clothing and gift shop.

"A lot of the existing facilities, plus some new facilities were brought into the shopping complex," Daugherty said.

On the corner adjacent to the main entrance of the store, there is a barber shop, beauty shop and flower shop.

A walk through the main entrance to the retail store offers quite a contrast to the

old Stanley exchange.

The new retail area has about 15,000 square feet, compared to the previous 4,000 square feet.

"We have always been limited in selection by space. Now, that shouldn't be an issue," Vines said.

He added the additional items should make female shoppers happier.

"We always have received feedback from community members about the limited selection in clothing for women," Vines said.

"The sales floor space will be able to accommodate a lot more than what we have," Daugherty said. "If you provide the right service, the customers will vote with their dollars."

To the left of the store entrance, AAFES officials positioned cash registers. To the right, they feature clothing. Inside, to the right, there is a Power Zone electronics section with digital video and compact discs.

"Providing a world-class operation is always exciting for AAFES," Daugherty said. "There's nothing like opening up a new shopping center complex."

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PHOTO BY DAVID McNALLY

Army and Air Force Exchange Service officials "gift-wrap" the new facility for presentation to the community June 14, 2004, coincidentally, the U.S. Army's birthday.

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The Soldiers, all clad in new sets of desert camouflage uniform, marched in review for the hundreds of officials, family members and well-wishers.

Later, the Soldiers of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team were treated to steak dinners in tents on the Camp Casey softball field.

"Some of you will be getting on a

plane tomorrow," Col. Jeff Christiansen, Area I commander, told the troops. "We want to make sure you leave here with something to remember."

A fireworks display, leftover from a canceled July 4 show, capped the evening.

(Editor's note: This story originally ran in the Aug. 6 edition.)

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1967, he was assigned to the United States Military Academy Preparatory School at Fort Belvoir, Va., where he competed for an appointment to the United States Military Academy.

"Your reputation for excellence is well known," Campbell told Higgins. "We are all excited about being able to continue to serve with you."

In his change-of-command ceremony Higgins told the Indianhead Division Soldiers how he felt about returning to Warrior Country.

"When I first joined the ranks of the warriors some 13 years ago," he said, "your professionalism, soldierly deportment, warfighting competence and pride inspired me then — and today you serve as an inspiration for anyone who deeply appreciates the demands of professional soldiering, and the commitment and dedication it takes to achieve all that this great division has achieved under Maj. Gen.

Wood's leadership."

In addition to a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy, Higgins holds a Master of Arts in Philosophy from the University of Virginia and a Master of Military Art and Science from the United States Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

He is a 1994 graduate of the Army War College, as well as a graduate of the School of Advanced Military Studies, Command and General Staff College, Infantry Officer Advanced and Basic Courses.

He has also completed Airborne, Ranger, Pathfinder and Jumpmaster schools.

Higgins also served at West Point as an assistant professor of philosophy, English and logic from 1980-83.

(Editor's note: This story originally ran in the Sept. 17 edition.)

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like she owns the fire station. She follows the firemen around, and even has a few favorites!"

Since Sparky is too young to start training for her "official" duties, the firemen are concentrating on raising a friendly, well-socialized dog.

"Her primary home will be here, but as soon as she gets a little bit older, we're going to get her associated with the other fire stations in the USAG CRC

fire department," Cook said. "We hope to have it where she will be comfortable at any fire station."

Cook said they are happy to have her.

"She's officially a member of our fire department now and well-welcomed," he said.

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Today, Sparky stands much taller than when she joined the Camp Red Cloud Fire Department in September 2004. "Sparky the Firedog" is still in training.

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'Quality of Life' improves at Camp Market

By Pfc. Park Jin-woo

Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — Camp Market celebrated the opening of a newly renovated barracks April 22 for Soldiers living at Camp Market.

The renovation project started on July 30, 2001, turning the building from a substandard living space for 62 personnel with gang latrines to the current modern structure.

"I used to live in one of the old barracks. The size of the rooms at the old barracks was only about half of the rooms in this barracks," said Pvt. Kang Jong-suk, Camp Market Installation Office. "There were 17 Soldiers in the barracks sharing a single gang latrine and shower facilities. However the newly renovated barracks has either two-man rooms or one-man rooms (for noncommissioned officers). So we get more free space and since there are latrines, bath tubs, kitchen appliances and a living room area for each of the rooms we get better standards of living than we used to."

The building provides living space for 42 personnel including two dayrooms, two kitchens and various other commodities such as cable television connections, telephone lines and Army Knowledge Online labs.

"Since it's been newly renovated, everything in the barracks feels new and fresh and also very clean," added Kang. "It makes life in the barracks feel more at home than the old barracks."

The ribbon cutting ceremony commenced with opening remarks by Vincent O. Bailey, Camp Market



PHOTO BY PFC. PARK JIN-WOO

Sgt. Jose J. Morales (left) and Pvt. Kang Jong-suk relax in one of the rooms in the renovated barracks that has a living room area for each room.

installation coordinator, and an invocation was given by Pak Chong Chan, 28th Korean Service Corps commander. Sgt. Maj. Robert L. Kyler, 34th Support group operations noncommissioned officer, provided remarks on behalf of Col. Timothy K. McNulty, commander, Area II Support Activity.

"It feels great to be in the new barracks," said Sgt. Jose J. Morales, a Soldier who will reside in the renovated

barracks. "Now we got more space in the rooms, and everything is new. It feels good. I really enjoy living here. The size of the room is big, about twice as big as the one we used to live in.

"The Soldiers living must keep everything clean and the way it is when we came in for the future Soldiers who will be coming here so that they may enjoy the same quality we are enjoying right now," said Morales.

"This barracks is good motivation for the Soldiers," said Morales. "Living in a renovated building, it makes us feel good. We can be more relaxed after work and in better condition when we go back to work the next day."

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Area II celebrates opening of vehicle overpass

By John A. Nowell

Korea Region Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — Officials of the Area II Support Activity hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the long-awaited vehicle overpass on Yongsan Garrison, Dec. 31, 2003.

"General Leon LaPorte's decision to accelerate the construction of this portion of the project, coupled with the additional monies he provided, has allowed us to open the overpass a full six months ahead of the original projected date," said Col. Timothy K. McNulty, commander of Area II Support Activity.

Col. Frank Kosich, commander, Army Corps of the Engineers Far East District, said, "It is a great day to be a Soldier serving in Korea, Yongsan in particular." Kosich thanked Choi Sang-hee, president of Shinsung Engineering and Construction, project contractor, and members of the Project Development Team for all the hard work they dedicated in getting the project completed ahead of schedule.

Maj. David A. Diehl, FED, who heads up an



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Joggers, a biker and a fire truck break through a banner in a ceremonial crossing of the Yongsan Garrison overpass. Nearly 200 community members came out to witness the long awaited structure that was opened to the public Dec. 31, 2003.

oversight committee for the construction project, said, "Approval was given to expedite the project by initiating Phase II of the construction project on Main Post with the closure of Gate 5 on July 12. The revised construction schedule has cut six months from the original schedule." The original construction

period for the vehicle overpass was July 2004.

McNulty said, "There is some additional construction that will take place through June, work on the new pedestrian gate and a special vehicle access gate on the Main Post side. On South Post, we'll be installing an improved vehicle search area, a new sidewalk in the Dragon Hill parking lot to connect the existing walkway to the pedestrian gate as well as some landscaping work. But the important thing is the overpass is fully functional and ready for traffic."

Officials of the Yongsan Provost Marshal's Office said there will be no immediate change in gate hours of operations. "We will wait 15 to 30 days to see how the traffic flows between Main and South posts before we adjust the operating hours," said Maj. Dave Deadrich, deputy Yongsan provost marshal.

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Top headlines in Area II for 2004

Jan. 9: Area II celebrates opening of vehicle overpass.

Feb. 6: An Installation Management Agency-Korea Region employee wins the Army Resource Management Author of the Year award. It is John Di Genio's second award.

March 19: Soldiers from the 94th Military Police Battalion celebrate Theodor Seuss Geisel's, or Dr. Seuss, 100th birthday by reading to students at Seoul American Elementary School.

April 9: Representatives from Gyeonggi Province present 30 copies of the Korean national anthem with English subtitles to U.S. Forces Korea. The Korean national anthem is played with the American anthem at the beginning of movies.

April 23: Vice president Dick Cheney and his wife, Lynne, visit Yongsan Garrison on the final stop of an Asian tour.

April 30: Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston visits Korea for the first time in his 29-year career. Preston visited camps throughout the peninsula and stopped at AFN-Seoul for a radio broadcast.

May 14: Korea Broadcasting System, or KBS, visits Yongsan to film the weekly program, "Youth Report."

May 28: The USO hosts its bi-annual cross-cultural class. The two-week course teaches tasks that are practical and essential to survival in the United States.

June 8: The pop-singing group "All-4-One" performs at the Dragon Hill Lodge.

June 28: A new family-housing complex opens on Yongsan. Burke Towers consists of two, five-story buildings that house up to 60 families.

Aug. 18: VFW Post 8180 marks the anniversary of a DMZ incident that claimed the lives of two U.S. Army officers. U.S. reaction to North Korea's aggression in 1976 was dubbed "the largest tree trimming operation in the history of man" by observers. "Operation Paul Bunyan" is its name.

July 1: Seoul completes its plan to improve public transportation with new markings and routes for buses and subway lines.

Sept. 9: PGA member Kevin Na and Asian pro golfer Simon Yates conduct a golf clinic at Sungnam Golf Course.

Sept. 9: 34th Support Group is inactivated for the second time in unit history.

Oct. 13: DPW construction workers find an unexploded 76-mm artillery round left over from the Korean War at Blackhawk village.

Nov. 14: The 2004 International Kimchi Festival ends. U.S. Soldiers and family members partake in the event.

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Commander's Hotline

Area II residents who have questions or comments for the Area II commander, can voice them by e-mailing areaiitownhall@korea.army.mil or calling 738-5017.

Security Manager's Course

MSC primary and alternate security manager's courses will be 8:30 a.m. - noon Jan. 21 in Building 2462. For information, call 723-4007 or e-mail bryants@korea.army.mil.

No-Host Benny Havens Social

All West Point graduates are invited to a no-host Benny Havens Social March 5 at the Dragon Hill Lodge. For information, e-mail RoundsM@korea.army.mil or Curriera@korea.army.mil.

USO Tours

The USO hosts a variety of tours around the Republic of Korea. Visit www.uso.org/Korea or call 723-7003, the Camp Kim office in Seoul, for information. Use the prefix 0505 when dialing from off post.

Job Vacancy For Inspector General

The Inspector General's office for the 8th U.S. Army and U.S. Forces Korea are looking for qualified Soldiers, sergeant first class or promotable in the following specialties: 42L, 42A, 11B, 31B and 31K. Also, officers in the rank of captain to lieutenant colonel are encouraged to apply. For information, call 723-4007 or e-mail bryants@korea.army.mil

New Off-Post Garbage Disposal

A new food-waste law has been created by the Korean government which went into effect Jan. 1. This law affects all areas. Garbage and food waste must be separated. Those garbages mixed with foods will not be taken to the landfill. Residents are recommended to use special food trash containers, which are placed in each apartment when they throw away food garbage and to remove moisture in food. Those who don't follow the law will be fined up to 200,000 won.

YMC visits the House of Grace orphanage

By Jerry Casey

Yongsan Motorcycle Club

YANGPYEONG — Four times each year the Yongsan Motorcycle Club takes to the road, visiting the House of Grace Orphanage; a private institution for physically- and mentally-challenged orphans.

April 3, the YMC made its spring pilgrimage, departing the Main Post Townhouse with 30 bikers on 22 motorcycles, with three support vans loaded with donated goods. Donations included 75 20-pound bags of rice, medicinal supplies, disposable diapers, bubbles and other toys, and Easter candy.

Wayne Walk, Yongsan's commissary manager and YMC member, said he always supports the orphanage and donated more than 100 pounds of rice and other items.

For a second time, retired Sgt. Maj. Chris Vaia, nicknamed "The Balloon Man," dressed in his clown suit and created animal balloons for all the children.

The YMC first learned of the orphanage from a 1999 Korean television news program, which reported the private orphanage operates only by the grace of donations.

The YMC's last visit was in November 2003, when the club members donated more than 1,500 pounds of rice, along with money for wheelchairs for some of the more disadvantaged orphans.

The club's Road Captain, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Scott Steuerwald, legal administrator with Yongsan's Office of the Judge Advocate, led the two-hour ride to the House of Grace this year.

Though the trip began with



PHOTO BY SGT. MAJ. MIKE NOVGRADAC

Yongsan Motorcycle Club member Sgt. Hee-jung Loomis, a retention noncommissioned officer with U.S. Army Troop Command-Korea, helps an orphan drink during lunch at the House of Grace Orphanage located in Yangpyeong.

motorcycles thundering through beautiful scenic hills and mountains, the thrill of the ride changed to compassion as the bikers arrived at the House of Grace Orphanage.

Upon arrival, 70 or more children and 35 orphanage support volunteers welcomed the motorcyclists as mentally and physically disabled children and adults flocked to the bikers.

The orphans had hugs for everyone, and the bikers tried to spend time with every resident.

Many orphans can't speak and many others are bedridden. The bikers visited the rooms of those who couldn't venture outside.

"It's hard to see disabled children and young adults who are abandoned as orphans," said Mike Bray, YMC vice president, "I hate to see the kids

like this, but they're being well cared for by the orphanage staff and volunteers, and we enjoy spending time with them.

"It makes you realize how fortunate most of us are and how much we are thrilled to make the orphans happy during our visit," he added.

After the bikers dropped off their donated goods and spent four hours entertaining the orphans, YMC members revved up their engines and departed on a different scenic route back to Yongsan.

Roger Floyd, YMC president, said that besides supporting the House of Grace Orphanage with four visits each year, YMC supports numerous humanitarian projects and charities on and off the base, including Yongsan;

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Other significant Area II stories of 2004

Feb. 6: 'Club Beyond' an alternative for area teens

"Club Beyond," a Military Community Youth Ministries program that meets several times a week at Yongsan South Post and Hannam Village chapels, offers Area II teens and pre-teens something to do.

March 19: Quilted blankets for newborn babies

A public welfare project called "The Stork's Nest Baby Quilts Project," works alongside the 121st General Hospital's Stork's Nest Program to provide free baby blankets to expectant mothers staying at the 121st GH. The "Stork's Nest" was organized six years earlier and is funded by the American Forces Spouses Club.



April 30: 'Quality of Life' improves for Soldiers at Camp Market

Camp Market celebrates the opening of newly renovated barracks April 22. The renovation project, which began in 2001, reduced the available living space from 62 to 42 occupants. Along with more space for personnel who reside in the barracks, additional latrines and other accommodations are included in the "facelift."

May 21: 305th volunteers spend time with Korean orphans

Soldiers from the 305th Quartermaster Company, with help from the USO, MWR and the Moyer Community Services Center, spend time with orphaned

children at Yongsan Garrison's Softball Field 2. Thirty-one Soldiers played and entertained 75 children being cared for by the Salvation Army in Seoul.

May 28: Mr. SAHS gathers Yongsan community for entertainment

The school-spirit competition, "Mr. SAHS," is hosted by Seoul American High School. The winner of the sixth annual contest was Alvin Wilkins.

May 28: Taking a bite out of the competition

Military policemen and their furry partners in law enforcement from around Korea gathered at Yongsan Garrison for the first U.S. Forces Korea Military Dog competition. The "top dog" prize went to Sgt. Keith R. Molin, 94th MP Battalion.



Aug. 6: Intern program unites Area II and Korean women's university

A newly established intern program provides undergraduates an opportunity to learn in a professional U.S. work environment, as well as form a long-term mutual relationship between the Area II Public Affairs Office and Sookmyung Women's University.

Oct. 22: Soldiers take oath, receive U.S. citizenship

Sixteen Army Soldiers became new U.S. citizens after taking the oath of allegiance at a special overseas military naturalization ceremony on Yongsan Garrison. The ceremony was possible because of a new

amendment in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal 2004.

Oct. 29: Area II ceremony honors volunteers

The Area II community recognized outstanding volunteer support of volunteers. Community officials honored the youth volunteer of the quarter, Heyward Davis, and the adult volunteer of the quarter, Jeffery Jin, at the Area II Army Community Service Building.

Oct. 29: Girl Scouts do their part for fall cleanup

Members from around the Yongsan community participated in Fall Cleanup. Girl Scouts raked leaves around post.



Nov. 16: Brigade volunteers, assists at school

Twenty-five Soldiers from the 1st Signal Brigade read books to children at Seoul American Elementary School. The focus of the event was to "help kids learn more about reading, to have more interest in reading," said Megan Connelly, student council vice president.

Nov. 24: FED hosts 'field trip' for kindergarten class

Children from Seoul American Elementary School visited a drilling team from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The children were able to learn a little about science and safety during the visit.

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Pro golfers conduct clinic at Sungnam



PHOTO BY JOHN A. NOWELL

PGA member Kevin Na corrects the hand grip of Staff Sgt. Paul Baza at Sungnam Golf Course during a golf clinic Sept. 9.

By John A. Nowell
Korea Region Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN – U.S. Forces Korea personnel learned golfing tips from Professional Golf Association member Kevin Na, better known in Korea as Na Sung-ook, and Asian Tour golf professional Simon Yates at the Sungnam Golf Club Sept. 9.

The two pros, who were participating in the 47th KOLON Korea Open, came to the Sungnam Golf Course to conduct a golfing clinic and autograph session for USFK personnel.

Na and Yates started the clinic by driving a few golf balls from the number one tee and explained to the 80 some odd amateurs how the hand

grip on the golf club determines where the ball will go.

Later they asked for a few golfers, one at a time, to come forward and tell them what problems they experience in their golf game.

More than 16 players came forward for some personal advice about their golf swing and follow through.

Staff Sgt. Paul Baza, Combined Forces Command Operations, said, “I hook the ball so I wanted help to correct it. Kevin Na told me to change my grip. He said that I use a hooking grip. I was breaking my wrist too soon. He also told me to stand closer to the ball and take the club straight back,” said Baza.

Baza said he maintained a handicap

average of 8 or 9.

“I didn’t get picked to join in the golfing clinic, so I just showed up to observe. But somehow I was asked to join the others for a one-on-one golf lesson with Kevin,” said Baza.

Na and Yates signed autographs on free KOLON-provided golf caps for the 80 plus golfers following the clinic during an autograph session.

“I had both pros autograph my Sungnam Golf member’s golf ball bag,” added Baza.

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Columbus Day Parade; Korean Association of Retired Persons; the HI-Seoul Festival this past week; and the annual winter Polar Bear Run where members donated their time and contributed \$1,863 to the Chaplains Children’s Fund this year.

The YMC is a private club with more than 100 members and is open to everyone with or without a motorcycle. There are no club dues.

The YMC promotes the safe operation of motorized two-wheeled and three-wheeled vehicles through organized group motorcycle touring in Korea. YMC members are retirees, Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, spouses and girlfriends or boyfriends. There

are numerous Koreans also. Many members wear the U.S.-Korean friendship flag on their leather vests and jackets, while wearing red, white and blue scarves. Some even mount U.S.-Korean flags on their motorcycles.

The YMC holds twice-monthly meetings at 6 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Navy Club on Yongsan’s main post. New members are welcome.

Folks interested in joining the YMC or riding on weekends can contact the club secretary at DSN 738-7137; by cellular phone at 011-9690-7160; or via e-mail at Caseyg@usfk.korea.army.mil.

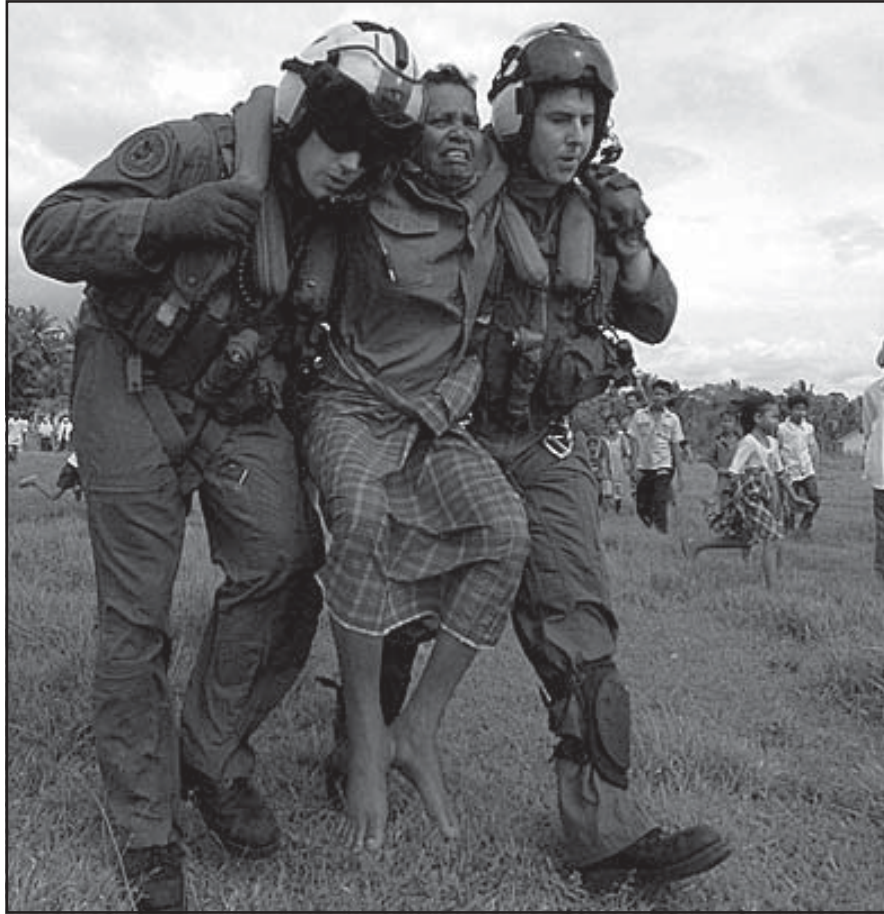
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A Yongsan Motorcycle Club member blows bubbles with two-and-a-half-year-old Hee-jun at the Yangpyeong House of Grace orphanage.

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Helping hands



U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS GABRIEL PIPER

Two Naval Air crewmen, assigned to the "Golden Falcons" of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 2 carry a seriously injured Indonesian woman Jan. 3, to a waiting helicopter for transportation to a medical facility. Medical teams from the USS Abraham Lincoln, Carrier Air Wing 2 and the International Organization for Migration set-up a triage site located on Sultan Iskandar Muda Air Force Base, in Banda Aceh, Sumatra. The two teams worked together with members of the Australian Air Force to provide initial medical care to victims of the Tsunami-stricken coastal regions. The Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group is currently operating in the Indian Ocean off the waters of Indonesia and Thailand.



U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS PHILIP A. MCDANIEL

A village near the coast of Sumatra lays in ruin, Jan. 2, as a result of the tsunami that struck South East Asia Dec. 26, 2004. Helicopters assigned to Carrier Air Wing 2 and sailors from the USS Abraham Lincoln are conducting humanitarian operations in the wake of the tsunami.

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to the region.

Secretary of State Colin Powell has forged a coalition to deal with the unprecedented humanitarian crisis, Bush said. "Based on these discussions, we've established a regional core group with India, Japan and Australia to help coordinate relief efforts," Bush said. "I'm confident more nations will join this core group in short order."

Many Americans are still missing in the region. U.S. embassies are working to locate American citizens who are still missing and to assist those who have been injured or displaced, Bush said.

"These past few days have brought loss and grief to the world that is beyond our comprehension," Bush said. "The United States will continue to stand with the affected governments as they care for the victims. We will stand with them as they start to rebuild their communities. And together the world will cope with their loss. We will prevail over this destruction."

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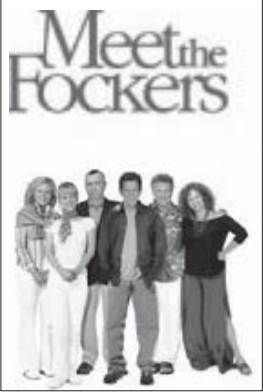
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HENRY 768-7724	Lemony Snicket	The Polar Express	Ocean's Twelve	After the Sunset	No Show	No Show	No Show
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KUNSAN 782-4987	Closer	Closer	Saw	No Show	Saw	After the Sunset	After the Sunset



Ray — Ray Charles went blind at the age of 7. With the staunch support of his determined single mother, he developed the fierce resolve, wit and incredible talent that would eventually enable him to overcome not only Jim Crow Racism and the cruel prejudices against the blind, but also discover his own sound, which revolutionized American music. Nonetheless, as Ray's unprecedented fame grew, so did his weakness for drugs and women.



The Polar Express Believing in Santa Clause isn't easy when all of your friends and family insist he's just make-believe. But a young boy's faith is rewarded on Christmas Eve when he's awakened by a steam train whose conductor pulls up in front of his house and takes him and other children to the North Pole to meet Santa.



Meet the Fockers Now that Greg Focker is "in" with his soon-to-be in-laws, Jack and Dina Byrnes, it looks like smooth sailing for him and his fiancée, Pam. But that's before Pam's parents meet Greg's parents, the Fockers. The hyper-relaxed Fockers and the tightly-wound Byrneses are woefully mismatched from the start — which all adds up to a disastrously funny time of "getting to know you."



Saw — Two men wake to find themselves chained inside a decrepit subterranean chamber. Between them is a dead man lying in a pool of blood, holding a .38 in his hand. Neither man knows why he has been abducted, but instructions left on a microcassette order one to kill the other within eight hours. If he fails to do so, then both men, and the family of one, will die. They realize they are the next victims of a psychopathic genius known only as "Jigsaw."



Ocean's Twelve Danny Ocean and his crew, having successfully stolen \$150 million Las Vegas casinos in the first film, jet to Europe with three new heists planned, including swiping Rembrandt's Nightwatch from a gallery in Amsterdam. Meanwhile, casino owner Terry Benedict, whom Ocean and crew ripped off in Las Vegas, is hot on their tail, looking for revenge.



National Treasure All his life, Benjamin Franklin Gates has been searching for a treasure no one believed existed. Gates' lifelong journey leads him to the last place anyone thought to look: a map hidden on the back of the Declaration of Independence. In a race against time, Gates must elude the authorities, stay one step ahead of his ruthless adversary, decipher the remaining clues and unlock the 2000-year-old mystery behind America's greatest national treasure.

AAFES THEATER	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
LONG 721-3407	Alexander	No Show	Friday Night Lights	Taxi	No Show	No Show	No Show
OSAN 784-4930	Meet the Fockers	The Polar Express	The Polar Express	Saw	Saw	After the Sunset	After the Sunset
RED CLOUD 732-6620	Spanglish	Saw	Saw	Ray	The Polar Express	No Show	Meet the Fockers
STANLEY 732-5565	Ray	Saw	Saw	The Polar Express	No Show	Meet the Fockers	The Polar Express
YONGSAN I 738-7389	Meet the Fockers	Meet the Fockers	Meet the Fockers	Saw	Saw	Saw	Saw
YONGSAN II 738-7389	The Polar Express	The Polar Express	The Polar Express	After the Sunset	After the Sunset	After the Sunset	After the Sunset
YONGSAN III 738-7389	The Polar Express	The Polar Express	The Polar Express	The Forgotten	The Forgotten	Raise Your Voice	Raise Your Voice

Patience, prayer, keys to personal growth

Chaplain (Capt.) Richard F. Winchester
532nd Military Intelligence Battalion

Many times we are so involved in the present moment with issues of little importance, we lose sight of what is truly important. This is because we are an impatient people. We are living in a world that says that whatever we want or need, we should have today and not tomorrow.

The key to true success in family relationships, personal relationships, career development and spiritual growth is patience: Taking the time to slow down and look at our surroundings to see where we can be more productive doing for others rather than ourselves. This may not sound too hard for one to do however, for most of us, including me, is the most challenging

experience we will have in our lives as we go about our daily business.

God calls us to pray daily, to be patient in all we do and to wait for His answer in the direction we are to go. Prayer, patience and waiting are the key elements that help us grow in faith and in relationships as we travel through life.

Henri Nouwen an author of many faith-based articles said, “Faith is like a seed waiting to break through the ground, to grow into something new.” Nouwen went on to say that this is an active waiting: that we are to be fully in the present moment. We do this with the belief and conviction that something is happening where we are at that moment that we need to be part of and that can help us be a better person in our family and personal

relationships, and aid in our spiritual growth.

This is to say that a waiting person is a patient person who in the middle of life’s battles will slow down and pull back from the present situation, look at what is going on and then seek God’s help in overcoming challenges.

“Patience” mean the willingness to stay where we are regardless of our situation and to live the situation out to the fullness of God’s will and glory with the belief that something hidden there will manifest itself and make us a better and stronger person.

How are you doing when it comes to living in the moment? I hope during this holiday season you will slow down to truly see what is around you and reflect on that present moment to see the blessings it is providing you.

Area III Worship Services

Protestant

Lutheran	Sunday	8 a.m.	Freedom Chapel
Collective		10 a.m.	Suwon Air Base
		10:30 a.m.	Camp Eagle
Collective		10:30 a.m.	Zoeckler Chapel
Collective		11 a.m.	Freedom Chapel
		12:30 p.m.	Camp Long

Catholic

Gospel	Sunday	1 p.m.	Freedom Chapel
Latter-day Saints		4 p.m.	Freedom Chapel
Contemporary		6 p.m.	Freedom Chapel
Korean		7 p.m.	Camp Long
Mass	Daily	11:45a.m.	Freedom Chapel
Mass	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Freedom Chapel

Mass	Sunday	1 p.m.	Suwon Air Base
Mass		4 p.m.	Camp Long
Mass		5:15 p.m.	Camp Eagle

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Mark Levasseur leaps from a 200-foot tower at an extreme sports facility near Jechon. He was one of 17 people from Camp Humphreys who took the leap of faith. Others in a group of 28 bungee jumped, rode a powerful catapult or took a giant swing ride Aug. 28 on an extreme sports tour.



PHOTOS BY STEVE DAVIS

Even for extreme souls,
bungee jumping can be a

Leap of Faith

By Steve Davis

Area III Public Affairs Office

JECHON — As they stepped out of the tiny elevator that took them to the top of the bungee tower, jumpers from Camp Humphreys gasped at the beauty of the blue sky against Cheongpung Lake. Then they prepared mentally to take a giant step into oblivion.

Most had never bungee jumped before and the thought of plunging nearly 200 feet straight down tied to a thread took inner strength some wondered if they really had.

"It's scary up there," said Paul Busic, visiting his son in Korea. "You can't think about it. You just jump."

Busic's wife Linda, son Drew and daughter-in-law Layzel all took the plunge as a matter of family pride.

They were among 28 extreme sport

enthusiasts from Camp Humphreys who visited Cheongpung Land near Jechon where the bungee tower is one of three extreme sports activities. There is also a catapult that launches two people into space. Riders are strapped into a seat and shot slingshot-style into the air by a mechanical arm. They rocket to an apex, then bounce back toward earth attached to a bungee-like rope.

Others rode a giant swing that swept across the sky like a pendulum.

Another extreme sports outing is planned for Oct. 2. Cost is \$55 for two events. For more information, call the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center at 753-8825.

(Editor's note: This story originally ran in the Sept. 17 edition. It was chosen from among the year's best photo features based on reader feedback.)

Paul and Drew Busic prepare to blast off in the catapult ride Aug. 28 at Cheongpung Land. The catapult is one of three thrilling rides at the extreme sports mecca near Jechon, south of Wonju.



Extreme sports enthusiasts ride the giant swing at Cheongpung Land near Jechon.



Amanda Rodriguez and John Garland tumble on the catapult ride at Cheongpung Land.



A bungee jumper soars during an extreme sports tour sponsored by the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center. Another tour is scheduled for Oct. 2.



Baby Angels

MWR Entertainment presents anew band, Baby Angels. The group performs a variety of music at Camp Castle's Hard ROK Café Friday and Saturday, and Camp Hovey's Borderline Café Sunday. Each performance begins at 8 p.m.

Comedy ROKs

MWR Special Entertainment is presenting Comedy ROK's with MWR #4 at Camp Casey's Warrior's Club Friday starting at 9 p.m. Admission to the show is free. For information, call 732- 6819.

Primo's Open Mic

Visit Camp Casey's Primo's Express for CC Jam, starting at 4 p.m., Sunday. MWR Offshore Entertainment Kendrick performs Country/rock music. There is also an "open mic" for everyone. For information, call 730-3400.

Maranatha Plays Casey

New MWR Entertainment, "MARANATHA" performs variety music at Camp Casey's Primo's Express Jan. 14 and Camp Casey Warrior's Club Jan. 15. Each show begins at 8 p.m.

COEX Shopping Trip

Visit Camp Casey's Community Activity Center for the shopping tour to COEX Mall in Seoul, Jan. 15. To reserve a seat or for information, call 730-4853.

MLK Movie

Camp Hovey Hobson Community Activity Center is offering a movie on Martin Luther King Jr.'s life, education and history at 1 p.m., Jan. 16. For information, call 730-5124.

Honeybone R&B

New MWR Offshore Entertainment, "HONEYBONE with UMOJA" performs R&B/Soul music at Camp Casey's Primo's Express Jan. 16, Camp Hovey's Borderline Café Jan. 19 and Camp Castle's Hard ROK Café Jan. 20. Each show begins at 8 p.m.

Volunteer Luncheon

The Area I Army Community Service is hosting the First Quarter Volunteer Luncheon at Camp Casey's Warrior's Club 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Jan. 19. For information, call Erlinda Walter at 732-7277.

Bonanza Bingo

Camp Casey's Warrior's Club, Primo's Express and Second to None Club and Camp Hovey's Borderline Café are offering MWR Bonanza Bingo beginning Jan. 17. Instant cash prizes are available. For information, call 730-4334.

Comment Card Contest

Complete an MWR Orange Customer Comment Card along with your contact information for a chance to win lunch or dinner at any MWR Club, Bowling Center or Golf Course in Area I. MWR Orange Customer Comment Cards are available from any MWR facility in Area I. Only U.S. ID card holders are eligible to enter. For information, call 732- 6274.

Program brings parents home to kids on tape

By Lt. Col. Susan H Meisner

Army News Service

KABUL, Afghanistan — A program in Afghanistan enables deployed service members to videotape themselves reading a story to their children, and then mail both the video and book back home.

The "Read to your Kids" program at the Office of Military Cooperation — Afghanistan was made possible through donations of both videos and books by stateside readers of the anysoldier.com Web site.

The program is Master Sgt. D. Keith Johnson's pet project, and he devotes his one "off" day in Afghanistan each week to its completion.

"While I was in Bosnia, I read an article in 'Stars and Stripes' about a similar program on a Navy ship," said Johnson. "I started the program in Bosnia and completed over 100 tapings there. It was very popular."

Johnson, OMC-A Public Affairs Office noncommissioned officer in charge, arrived in Kabul in October. He immediately established the program there, and has coordinated the recording



U.S. Army Photo

Marine Capt. Carlos Algarin, Combined Forces Command — Afghanistan, reads to his sons as part of the "Read to your Kids" program at the Office of Military Cooperation — Afghanistan.

of more than 60 tapes between OMC-A and its subordinate unit, Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix.

Military members and their families have expressed their gratitude for, and enjoyment of, the program. Testimonials roll in.

Navy Cmdr. Kathy Schulz, a planner with Combined Forces Command — Afghanistan, received a message from her husband, Rob, about their 8-month-old daughter Jenna's reaction to the tape.

"... she had been very fussy all day until I showed her your tape ... (and)

you completely changed her mood!"

Lt. Cmdr. Theresa Thurlow, an engineering officer with OMC-A's Defense Resource Sector, also received a good report from the home front.

"She loved watching the tape," said Senior Chief Petty Officer Douglas Thurlow about their daughter. "She even tried talking back to the TV once or twice ... I think it's a great program."

(Editor's note: Lt. Col. Susan Meisner serves as a public affairs officer for the Office of Military Cooperation — Afghanistan.)

Jingle jogger



U.S. Army Photo

First Sgt. Bobby Brown, Headquarters, 23rd Air Support group, approaches the finish line at Camp Humphreys' Christmas morning "Jingle Bell Jog," a 5K foot race that drew 150 runners. Brown finished first in the event. Capt. Brian Burgemaster, C Company, 52nd AVN, finished second.

Yongsan's Wagner wins Korea youth bowling championship

By Tom Bruce

MWR Marketing

YONGSAN — Seoul American High School Junior Allen Wagner kicked off the New Year in style, claiming the title at the first Korea Youth Bowling Championship. The tournament was held Sunday at Yongsan Lanes.

Wagner claimed the tournament championship with 1710 total pins and a 213 average. Second, third and fourth place respectively were 2004 Far East Zone Male Champion and SAHS Junior Christopher Baker, 1688 pins, averaging 211; 2004 Far East Zone Female Champion and Central Missouri State University Freshman Jiovanna Bruce, 1673 pins, 209 average; and 2004 Pepsi National Handicap Champion, SAHS Junior Victoria Wallace, 1672 pins with a 209 average.

Along with the first-place trophy, Wagner received a \$250 scholarship to be managed by Scholarship, Management, and Accounting Reports for Tenpins. Wagner also earned a berth and an opportunity to represent Yongsan at the 2005 Junior Gold National Championships to be held July 9-15 in Indianapolis, Ind. More than 1,700 other Elite Youth Bowling Champions from throughout the United States, Canada and the European, Pacific and Carribean military zones are schedule to compete in the national tournament.

The Korea championship format consisted of eight consecutive games to determine the overall Tournament Champion. During tournament play, 26 games were scored at over 200 pins by Junior Gold Bowling members. The highest scoring game of the tournament, 279 of a possible 300, was rolled by Junior Gold Bowling Member, Jennifer Simmons. The 279 was her highest score ever. Jennifer's accomplishment was met with an ear-deafening roar from a large crowd of parents, family members and fans.

Many of the athletes who participated at Sunday's championship will again square off at the 2nd Annual Yongsan Youth Masters Scholarship Tournament, set for Feb. 27 at Yongsan Lanes.

Twin towers of a new six-story barracks and dining facility rise above the Camp Humphreys fence line. The projected completion date for the \$26 million project is February 2006.



Humphreys Rising

Quality of life continues to climb

By Steve Davis

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS — Camp Humphreys, once a sleepy little post amidst the rice fields near Pyeongtaek, is starting to look like something new.

Almost gone are the temporary 1950-era Quonset huts and slap-'em-up barracks that for many years defined the post's architectural style. One by one, they are being replaced by more attractive permanent working and living facilities.

"It's a somewhat slow, but steady and deliberate process, but Camp Humphreys is starting to catch up with some of the larger Army posts in terms of quality of life," said Bart Mirabal, Area III director of Public Works. "What people are seeing now is a major infrastructure overhaul."

Most of the 37 major projects now under way have little to do with the planned relocation of troops north of the Han River to a proposed "hub" around Osan Air Base and Camp Humphreys.

"Most of these improvements are part of an ongoing five-year plan to modernize 'old' Camp Humphreys to meet a long-term defense commitment and make a better quality of life for Soldiers, civilians and families serving here," said Mirabal.

Some of the improvements already completed are a new post exchange and food court, opening of the new Humphreys Lodge and a youth center, conversion of the old post exchange into a consolidated bank-credit union-postal facility, construction of unit work and living areas, officer and enlisted quarters upgrades and the construction of additional parking areas and a new road in the Camp Humphreys "Downtown" area. A one-stop in-processing center is scheduled to open in October.

The first phase of Army Family Housing was completed in 2003 and the old bowling alley next door was converted into the K thru 6th-grade Humphreys American Elementary School. The new Strike Zone Bowling Center and Augusta West miniature golf

course were opened during the past year.

Recent force protection enhancements include security upgrades at the CPX gate and perimeter fence improvements.

Many other projects are in progress, including the construction of twin six-story barracks and a consolidated dining facility at Zoeckler Station at a cost of \$26 million. Each barracks tower will house 204 Soldiers and the dining facility will be able to serve 800.

Outdoor basketball and volleyball courts and a covered picnic area will also be included in the project, scheduled to open in early 2006.

Upgrades to existing barracks are currently under way in excess of \$21 million to provide quarters for senior enlisted Soldiers currently living off post. New barracks construction at a cost of \$33 million is scheduled this fall at "MP Hill" in the Butler City area of Camp Humphreys. Pizza Hut and Subway concessions are scheduled to open next month at the Zoeckler Station exchange.

The ongoing upgrade of electrical, water and communication systems, replacement of old underground fuel tanks with environmentally friendly above-ground systems will continue for at least another year, Mirabal said.

On the drawing board are Army Family housing phases two and three at a combined cost of about \$36 million, a \$7-million, above-ground, two-story parking garage, sports fields across from Beacon Hill, a water park near the main gate, the installation of artificial turf at existing sports fields, transformation of the Nitewatch Cafe into an "Alaska Mining Company" franchise, construction of additional single-Soldier quarters and a theme restaurant in the Freedom Field area, among other projects.

Many other projects have been initiated to beautify Camp Humphreys, including walls, sidewalks and improved bus stop shelters.

(Editors Note: This story originally ran in the Sept. 24 edition.)



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Work continues on a \$7 million, 220-car underground parking garage for the three-phase Army family housing area. Phase one opened last year and phases II and III have begun.



Construction workers build the main entrance of the \$7.2 million, 20,450 square-foot commissary scheduled to open this year.



Scaffolds surround one of five barracks being renovated to house senior-enlisted Soldiers.



A banner heralds the opening of Pizza Hut and Subway concessions at Zoeckler Station.

Other significant Area III stories of 2004

Area III Public Affairs Office

January

Jan. 9: Digital 1st Sergeant Course held in Korea

Thirty-nine senior noncommissioned officers from U.S. military installations in Korea graduated from the first two-week First Sergeant Course held at distance learning centers at camps Humphreys and Carroll.



Jan. 30: Medics field Chemical-Biological Protective Shelters

The first Chemical-Biological Protective Shelters fielded in Korea were tested Jan. 10-13 under harsh winter conditions at training areas near Chungju by the 168th Medical Battalion.

NEWS & NOTES

Town Hall Meeting

Camp Humphreys quarterly Town Hall Meeting is scheduled to be held Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. in the Community Activities Center. Everyone is invited to attend.

CPR, First Aid Class

The Camp Humphreys' Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering a community CPR and First Aid Class on Saturday, Jan. 8 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Cost for the class is \$35 each and fees must be pre-paid. For information call Susan Carter at 753-7173.

ACS Classes Offered

The Area III Army Community Services is offering a free two-day workshop Jan. 24 and 25, covering community resources and Korean customs, culture and language for spouses new to Korea. "Spouse Orientation about the Republic" will be held in Camp Humphreys' MWR Building #252, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Those interested in attending the workshop must sign up by Jan. 19. Sign up may be accomplished by stopping by the ACS building, or by calling Youg Hui Straughan, ACS bi-cultural coordinator, at 753-8728.

MLK Observance

Camp Humphreys will mark Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday with a celebration at the Post Theater from 3 - 5 p.m., Jan. 18. The theme of the celebration is "Remember! Celebrate! Act! - A Day On, Not A Day Off!" The guest speaker is Lt. Col. Bernard Banks, squadron commander, 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry. For information, call 753-6527 or 753-8995.

Holiday Event Results

The Camp Humphreys Gym played a large role in the Christmas and New Year's festivities just past. The events and winners were:

■ Dodge ball - 80 participants in eight teams

1st Place 3/6th Cav

2nd Place 2/52nd AVN

■ Indoor Soccer - 60 participants in 10 teams

1st Place 2/52nd AVN

2nd Place 3/6th Cav

■ Open Racquet Ball - 20 participants

1st Place Women

Sgt. 1st Class Connie Morrison, 6th Cav

2nd Place Women

1st Sgt. Bonnie McKnight, 6th Cav

February

Feb. 6: Operation Clean Sweep targets abandoned cars

Operation Clean Sweep, a three-person mission to rid Camp Humphreys of abandoned cars or those with expired registration stickers, began Jan. 21 in the freezing morning hours. Armed with a list of 20 suspect cars and a tow truck, Area III's top NCO, Command Sgt. Maj. Robert R. Frace, tow truck driver Yu Yong-sang and military police traffic investigator, Spc. Trevor Davis, began hauling cars to an impound lot. Cars were towed at the owners' expense.

Feb. 6: Airmen, Soldiers team up for village winter clean-up

Korean airmen and American Soldiers teamed up to help clean up the Anjeong Shopping Mall area across from the Camp Humphreys walk-through gate. They join with local businessmen and citizens periodically to keep streets tidy. The Korean Airmen were from the 7th Air Communications Service Group based at Camp Humphreys.

Feb. 13: Ambassador's day out



U.S. Ambassador Thomas C. Hubbard visited the 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade at Camp Humphreys to take an orientation ride in an AH-64D Apache attack helicopter and to visit with Cavalry Soldiers. The ambassador was flown to a maintenance test valley about 10 kilometers away and introduced to high-speed flight, including a 'high-low G' maneuver which can cause momentary weightlessness. The ambassador beamed a broad smile as he walked to the hangar after the flight.

Feb. 20: The last Apaches

An era of first-generation Apache attack helicopters in the Republic of Korea ended Feb. 12 as the 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade flew its last mission as an "Alpha model" unit. Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Steven D. Mathias and Chief Warrant Officer Todd Friel sat the last AH-64A down, ending flight operations for the squadron. The squadron, based at Camp Eagle near Wonju, was inactivated and its 21 attack helicopters were shipped to the United States to be upgraded to the enhanced AH-64D model as part of an Army-wide Apache modernization program.

March

Mar. 12: Humphreys Chinook unit 'wings it' to the field

The 2nd Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment's recent 14-day trip to the field was a chance for Soldiers to get acquainted with missions in Korea and be evaluated at the same time. The CH-47 Chinook unit, part of the 17th Aviation Brigade, provides heavy-lift capabilities

to U.S. Forces Korea and the 8th U.S. Army. The unit underwent two external evaluations and several major field training exercises in 2004.

Mar. 26: Gearing up for a new mission

The Area III Directorate of Logistics assumed responsibility for the Korea-wide Organizational Clothing and Individual Equipment program, which includes Customer Service Points on U.S. Army bases throughout the Republic. Later in the year, some of those facilities provided desert camouflage uniforms and other gear to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, a 2nd Infantry Division unit that deployed from Korea to Iraq in August.



April

April 2: Area III supports annual exercise

The U.S. Army Area III Support Activity supported more than 2,000 Okinawa-based Marines and Army units at five Life Support Areas and at Camp Humphreys and Camp Long during the 2004 Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration exercise, or RSO and I, which tests transportation, logistics and other systems vital to the defense of the Republic of Korea.

April 9: Strike Zone Bowling Center opens

The 16-lane, \$3.2 million Strike Zone Bowling Center opened April 2 at Camp Humphreys during a colorful grand opening ceremony. Its features include maple and pine floors, automatic pin setters and scoring, sound and light systems to create a nightclub atmosphere and a sales center with custom ball drilling.



April 16: Humphreys Health Clinic gets a facelift

A \$400,000 Humphreys Health Clinic "facelift" provided a brighter atmosphere, increased efficiency and more medical equipment. Drab institutional flooring and dim lighting were replaced, walls were painted a pleasing color and a patient "queuing" system, a new X-ray machine, exam tables and diagnostic equipment were installed. Sick call hours were extended and family practice, pediatric and prenatal services were expanded or added during 2004.

May

May 5: Soldiers, airmen invited to celebrate Korean Children's Day

Pyeongtaek City invited Soldiers and Airmen from Camp Humphreys to celebrate the Children's Day festival May 5 with local children and their families.

May 14: Korea Service Corps

members train in United States

Fifteen members of the 22nd Korean Service Corps traveled to Fort Pickett, Va., for two weeks of training to deploy fuel pipelines. The 22nd Korean Service Corps is one of 15 KSC companies that support U.S. Forces Korea and the 8th U.S. Army.

June

June 4: Taliento takes command of Area III

Col. Michael J. Taliento Jr. assumed command June 1 from Col. Mike Clay during ceremonies at Freedom Field. His previous assignment was director for plans and design for the Afghan National Army while assigned to the Office of Military Cooperation in Kabul, Afghanistan.

June 21: Bike and Force Protection Patrols begin

Bike patrols and force protection patrols began at Camp Humphreys to reduce crime and possible terrorist acts.

June 25: Victory Drive opens 'downtown'

Victory Drive, a new road that provides easier access to the Camp Humphreys lodge, commissary and the developing "downtown" area was opened June 21. It is one of several new roads and hundreds of new parking spaces planned for Camp Humphreys in 2004.

July

July 2: Humphreys community gets glimpse of the future

The new Area III commander conducts his first Area III town hall meeting, one of many meetings implemented to promote information sharing and communication between units and community members as Camp Humphreys grows to become a major military hub because of U.S. base closures in the Republic of Korea.

July 8: Cheonan remembers fallen Americans

Cheonan City and the Korea Freedom League invited Camp Humphreys Soldiers to attend a remembrance ceremony to honor 98 American Soldiers who died



July 8, 1950, in the Battle of Cheonan, one of the first military actions of the Korean War.

July 9: Camp Humphreys opens gates for July 4 celebration

Camp Humphreys opened its gates for the first time in two years so the Korean community could help celebrate America's birthday. The July 4th celebration had been closed to outsiders since the Sept. 11 terrorists attacks against America.

Stories

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August
Aug. 6: Region’s best fire prevention officer shares trophy
Just named Installation Management Agency-Korea Region Fire Officer of the Year and presented an award by Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald, Area III Chief Fire Inspector Barry Becton shared his new-found recognition and his trophy with co-workers at the Camp Humphreys fire station. “We’re a team,” he said.

Aug. 13: Leaders share information at Camp Humphreys
A new Command-to-Community, or C2C, program is instituted to share information throughout Area III. The four-cycle program includes a Leaders Information Monthly Meeting to discuss and resolve current issues, a monthly Newcomer’s Briefing to introduce newcomers to the Area III staff and receive information to smooth their transition, a monthly operations training meeting and a quarterly town hall meeting.

Aug. 27: Community bank, credit union, post office open in new building
The USA Federal Credit Union, the Community Bank and the Army post office opened in a new building (S-118) across from the Camp Humphreys Post Exchange. Each had been previously operating in old buildings, which have now been demolished.

September
Sept. 3: School days begin at Humphreys

American Elementary School
Humphreys American Elementary School opened the 2004-2005 school year at full capacity. Plans are underway to expand the Kindergarten through 6th-grade school.

Sept. 17: Leap of Faith
Area III Morale, Welfare and Recreation goes extreme and offers bungee-jumping to Soldiers, civilians and family members. A new paintball course also opened at Beacon Hill at Camp Humphreys in 2004.

October
Oct. 8: Gyeonggi Province hosts community Chuseok celebration
Several hundred Soldiers, civilians and family members attended a Chuseok celebration hosted by the Gyeonggi Province government at the Community Activities Center. The celebration included traditional Korean dances, music, games and a holiday buffet.

Oct. 15: Exercise Control Center moves to Butler City
The Non-Combatant Evacuation Operation Exercise Control Center moved from the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center to Butler City to provide a more secure, realistic location for semi-annual non-combatant evacuation operations.

Oct. 22: Humphreys units play vital force protection role
As security measures are increased at U.S. bases across the Republic, Soldiers from tenant units are augmenting military police security efforts by checking identification

and performing random vehicle searches at access gates.

Oct. 29: Boxers battle for Eighth U.S. Army title
Camp Humphreys hosted the 8th U.S. Army Boxing Championship. The three-day event drew sizeable crowds. It was one of several Korea-wide Morale, Welfare and Recreation events hosted by Camp Humphreys during 2004.

Oct. 29: New facilities open to serve Soldiers
A Pizza Hut and a Subway concession opened at the Zoeckler Station exchange and a new exchange for Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers opened in Building S-751, next to the Area III Republic of Korea Army Staff Office.

Oct. 29: Off-post car thefts surge
The theft of five privately owned vehicles between Sept. 16 and Oct. 13 from off-post residences prompted the Criminal Investigation Division to warn the community about the problem.

November
Nov. 12: Turbo One-Stop In- and Out-Processing Center in full swing
The new Turbo One-Stop In- and Out-Processing Center opened at Camp Humphreys in late summer and is in full swing. The center consolidated numerous activities into one location, making it easier for Soldiers to process in and out of Area III.

Nov. 12: New Commander’s Community Center opens with “Right Arm Night”
The new Commander’s Community Center opened with the inaugural “Right Arm Night” hosted by the Area III commander. The center, in Building S-1243, provides a small group atmosphere for gatherings and meetings.

Nov. 19: Relatives of CW2 Benjamin K. Humphreys visit Camp Humphreys to discover connection to their past
A planned rededication of Camp Humphreys had to be postponed because Betty Humphreys, the widow of Chief Warrant Officer Benjamin K. Humphreys for whom the camp was named, fell ill and could not attend. Nephew Bob Humphreys and his wife Anne visited and were well-received by the Warrant Officers Association and Camp Humphreys tenant units during their week-long visit.

December
Dec. 6: Area lights Christmas tree
The Christmas holiday season began in earnest as community members gathered at Area III headquarters to light the Area III Christmas tree and visit with Santa during a reception afterward at the Community Activities Center.

Dec. 17: Holiday issue hits the streets
Area III ends its publishing year with Christmas and New Year’s holiday pages offering stories and events to entertain Area III Soldiers, civilians and family members. Happy New Year from the Area III Public Affairs Office.

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Area IV welcomes new commander

By Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HENRY – The Area IV community welcomed a new commander and command sergeant major in an uncommon dual assumption of command and assumption of responsibility ceremony Aug. 5 at the Area IV Support Activity Headquarters here.

Col. Donald J. Hendrix assumed command of Area IV Support Activity, a position relinquished July 8 by Col. James M. Joyner. Hendrix is arriving from Germany where he served as assistant deputy chief of staff for personnel for Headquarters U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army.

Assuming responsibility as Area IV's top non-commissioned officer was Command Sgt. Maj. Patricia A. Keit whose previous assignment was in Seoul as command sergeant major of the 41st Signal Battalion.

As the senior official presiding over the rain-soaked ceremony, Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald, Installation Management Agency – Korea Region Office director, passed the unit colors to Hendrix and the ceremonial saber to Keit to officially signify their new roles.

Noting the rain, Macdonald quipped that he had brought some much needed relief from the heat along with him from Seoul. He went on to emphasize the many changes Area IV has experienced over the past few months and highlighted the notable skills Hendrix brings to his new job.

"Colonel Hendrix is especially qualified to assume command of Area IV. His past assignments have given him the experience and background to lead into a new phase of transformation," he said. "His experience running an Army recreation center in Hawaii, as a resource manager and most recently as the deputy G-1,



PHOTO BY GALEN PUTNAM

Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald (right), Installation Management Agency – Korea Region Office director, passes the unit colors to Col. Donald J. Hendrix, the new Area IV Support Activity commander.

human resource manager for U.S. Army Europe, make him supremely qualified to accept this new mantle of leadership."

Hendrix alluded to change as he addressed the Area IV community for the first time.

"As you all know, we are an Army in transformation on many fronts. Our nation and our armed forces are engaged in the Global War on Terrorism. Our Army has also passed a major milestone with the activation of the Installation Management Agency on 1 October 2002. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker reminded us of the importance of our installations to Army readiness when he declared, 'Our installations are our Flagships,'" Hendrix said. "Here in Daegu, the significance of that statement was illustrated by the Area IV Support Activity activation on 16 October 2003."

He went on to explain the complicated split

involving the Area IV Support Activity and the 20th Area Support Group.

"That ceremony created a separate unit – the Area IV Support Activity – with the primary mission of managing base operations," Hendrix said. The 20th Area Support Group, also commanded by Col. James M. Joyner at the time, maintained its combat service support mission. This past July 8th, Col. George Washington assumed command of the 20th ASG from Col. Joyner. Today's assumption of command ceremony completes the separation ... with two primary missions into two units with separate missions and commanders."

Hendrix was born in Mississippi and raised in a U.S. Army family throughout the southeastern United States and Japan. He is a distinguished military graduate of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Auburn University and was commissioned into the Adjutant General Corps in July 1978.

He has served in a variety of command and staff positions including commander of the Armed Forces Recreation Centers in Hawaii and Bahrain; adjutant and executive officer for the Southern Region Signal Support Regiment, Allied Forces Southern Europe (NATO), in Naples, Italy; commander of the U.S. Army NATO Support Battalion in Heidelberg, Germany; and deputy commander of the 1st Personnel Command, also in Germany.

He previously served in the Republic of Korea beginning April 1995 as the chief of the Publications and Records Management Division for U.S. Forces Korea at Yongsan Garrison and as the chief of staff and then with the 8th Personnel Command at Camp Coiner as director of theater Army replacement operations and battalion commander for the Replacement Company.

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Camp Hialeah teen named Korea, Asia Youth of the Year

By Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HIALEAH – A Camp Hialeah teen has been named the Boys and Girls Clubs of America Youth of the Year for Korea and Asia.

Tassia Araujo-Roper, a senior at Pusan American School, is heading to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America Pacific Regional Youth of the Year competition in July at Anaheim, Calif. The winner will receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

"It's exciting and very well deserved," said Rachel Martinovich, a program assistant with Camp Hialeah's Child and Youth Services. "She participates in almost all of the programs we have here."

Araujo-Roper's extra curricular activities could keep an entire classroom of students busy. She is involved in cross-country, Model United Nations, Drama Club, Jazz Choir, student council, cheerleading and more. She also contributes her time to a number of

organizations including the Keystone Club, 4-H, Army Teen Panel, Youth Leadership Forum and others.

In her three years at Camp Hialeah, Araujo-Roper has contributed more than 500 volunteer hours in a variety of activities such as tutoring, delivering cookies to soldiers serving on the Demilitarized Zone, cleaning the post movie theater, which relies on an all-volunteer staff, participating in a Jeju-do beach clean up, helping to develop the Camp Hialeah Child and Youth Services' Web page and continue to update it, coordinate and assist with special events at a Korean orphanage for disabled children, and more.

"My mom has always done this kind of stuff and I just kind of got hooked on it," Araujo-Roper said. "It might sound corny but volunteering makes you feel good."

Araujo-Roper's road to being named the Boys and Girls Clubs of America Asia Youth of the Year started with her volunteer efforts. She was named the



PHOTO BY GALEN PUTNAM

Tassia Araujo-Roper collects trash on Hwasun Beach, Jeju Island, as part of a community service project.

Camp Hialeah Child and Youth Services Teen Youth of the Month in February 2004 for compiling the most volunteer hours in the calendar month. She was later selected as the fourth quarter,

2004, Camp Hialeah Youth Volunteer, then the 2004 Youth Volunteer of the Year.

After submitting an elaborate application package for the Youth of the Year competition, Araujo-Roper waited. She was excited when she learned she had been selected as the Koreawide Youth of the Year but was stunned when she got the word about the Asiawide honors.

"I was kind of in shock. I couldn't believe it went this far," Araujo-Roper said. "I thought it was great being the (youth) volunteer of the year for the installation but this is really something."

Regional winners advance to the national finals in Washington, D.C., where they will compete for a \$10,000 scholarship and be installed as the Boys and Girls Clubs of America National Youth of the Year in the Oval Office by President George W. Bush.

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English Camp for Koreans a rousing success

By Cpl. Hong Yung-ki

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HENRY – A week filled with games and activities at a U.S. Army base was an unusual but a valuable experience for Korean high school students who were eager to improve their English language skills and learn about American culture.

An English Camp for high school students in Daegu was hosted Jan. 12-16 by the 20th Support Group, the first comprehensive camp of its kind at any U.S. Army installations on the peninsula. One 11th-grade student from each of metropolitan Daegu's 82 high schools was invited to attend the camp and 68 schools sent representatives.

"The reason for having this camp was to share the cultural differences so that students can understand American culture and we can understand Korean culture," said Lt. Col. Wilfred J. Plumley Jr., English Camp director from the 20th Support Group. "We can improve relationships between Koreans and Americans and understand each other (through the camp)."

The five-day camp was conducted by U.S. Army and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldier instructors. Activities at the camp included group seminars, free talking classes, skits, a movie, installation tour and numerous small group activities conducted in English to facilitate improvement of students' English proficiency. The installation tour included static displays of a UH-60 Blackhawk and military vehicles at the 20th Support Group motorpool.

Students expressed enthusiasm about the different activities.

"The most interesting thing for me was on the third day when they showed us the military vehicles," said Kim Jae-hyuk, a student from Yeung-nam High School. "I met this Soldier who looked just like Harrison Ford. I cannot forget our conversation because he was so



PHOTO BY CPL. HONG YUNG-KI

Pvt. Michael Fox (third from left) and Sgt. Crystal Ubbens (third from right), 20th Support Group English Camp instructors, assist Kim Ki-yoon, a student from Shim-in High School (center), and his classmates on English composition in a small group study session during English Camp Jan. 15 at Camp Henry.

friendly to me even though we had never met before. He told me about things starting from his hometown to how he puts on his earplugs when he aviates. He even showed me his girlfriend's picture."

"I learned new things during the installation tour," said Oh Kyung-a, a student from Kyung-myeong Girls High School. "I knew nothing about any U.S. Army bases in Daegu and I was bewildered when I came here and saw the post exchange and the commissary filled with American products."

While students commuted to post from their houses every day, meals were provided to the students in various eateries on the installations, including the dining facilities.

"I wasn't familiar with the American breakfast culture," Oh said. "It was something new to me and although it was a little greasy, I was able to get an idea of the American appetite."

English conversation classes and activities were conducted in five different groups throughout the camp. Sometimes these groups were split into smaller groups of four to five students to give them more opportunities to practice speaking English with native English speakers.

"We worked on this book here which tells the different things that Americans do strangely (for eyes of Koreans)," said Master Sgt. Robert M. Eldred, a 20th Support Group English instructor. "For example, the book says that Korean men do not usually open doors for women. It's just the way Koreans are brought up. We always open doors for women and stuff like that but it's just one of the differences. It's not bad but it's different. We have to teach the American Soldiers the differences also."

Students enjoyed their time and drew their own meanings out of the English classes.

"On the first day we talked about cultural differences and second day, we compared educational differences between Korea and America," said Nam Da-young from Kyung-hwa Girls High School. "It was nice to be able to have conversations with native English speakers. I must say that at least I dissipated the fear that I had when talking to foreigners."

"It is no exaggeration to say that the amount of English conversation we had during this one week is more than the amount of English we had spoken altogether in our English classes in middle school and high school," Kim said. "We pretty much don't have any free talking sessions during English classes in school."

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New Carroll lodge to be a 'suite' addition to installation

By Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HENRY – A significant quality of life project will get under way Nov. 8 at Camp Carroll as ground is broken for a 50-room, \$10.5 million Army lodge to help ease permanent change of station transitions and provide lodging for official business and pleasure travelers.

"The lodge will increase the quality of life for travelers and the community," said Carl Ragonese, Installation Management Agency – Korea Region Office Army Lodging manager. "The

new Army Lodge at Camp Carroll will have a significant impact."

The new lodge will allow a greater number of travelers stay on post rather than having to seek lodging in the local community. When travelers stay in an on-post Army lodge, temporary duty funds and personal travel dollars remain within the Army system rather than going to off-post establishments. Lodgers are also likely to frequent MWR recreation and culinary facilities, providing additional support to those operations.

"The lodge will save the Army money because travel funds come back into the system. The lower lodging fees (compared to off-post establishments) will also save the Army travel dollars," Ragonese said. "Lodging people on base creates a connection to other service support activities. At the anticipated occupancy rate of 80 percent, that's 20,000 people a year on base who will be going to the club or bowling center or going out to eat. It is easy to see the positive financial impact that will have."

Although Camp Carroll's current

lodge is one of the Army's top operations, having won the 2003 Lodging Operation of the Year in the small category for facilities with 49 or fewer rooms, with only 16 rooms the facility can only support a limited number of customers. The Army has yet to decide whether the current lodge will continue functioning as a lodging annex or will be converted to other uses.

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Hialeah Boss Program a big winner for second year in a row

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Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HIALEAH – Camp Hialeah, the southernmost U.S. Army installation on the peninsula is also the smallest in the Area IV. Yet, one of its programs continues to achieve "big-time" success in Department of Army-level competition.

The Camp Hialeah Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers Program's Valentine Bowl event took second place in the Best BOSS Event Competition Extra Small Installation Category held during the 2004 Annual BOSS Training Forum Sept. 20-24 at the National Conference Center in Lansdowne, Va.

This year's forum, a joint partnership hosted by BOSS and the Marine Corps' Single Marine Program, drew more than 180 Soldiers and Marines from around the world, for a week of competition, training,

activities and exchanging ideas on how to enhance the quality of the BOSS program.

Through BOSS, single Soldiers identify quality of life issues and concerns and recommend improvements through the installation chain of command. The program encourages and assists single Soldiers in identifying and planning recreational and leisure activities. It also generates opportunities to participate in community service programs.

The Army-wide Best BOSS Event competition consisted of three-minute presentations including photos, videos and stories depicting the nominated events. The Camp Hialeah BOSS Program competed against six teams from other installations, taking second place in the extra small installation best event category right behind another team from Korea, Camp Page.

The theme for this year's Camp Hialeah BOSS Valentine Bowl, held at the Pusan Pub Feb. 14, was "Stepping in the Name of Love." The formal dinner-and-dance event drew more than 100 Soldiers including Lt. Col. Jeffery K. Ludwig, Camp Hialeah installation commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Tony E. Moore, former command sergeant major of the 20th Support Group.

This isn't the first time the Camp Hialeah BOSS Program has won Department of Army-level accolades. Last year the installation won the Best BOSS Event Competition in the Extra Small Installation Category and took second place in the Best Installation competition.

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TAS Cheerleaders winners at Far East Competition

By Galen Putnam
Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP GEORGE – The Taegu American School Varsity Cheerleading Squad proved that teamwork and commitment are more important than experience by taking first place in the small school category at the Department of Defense Dependent Schools’ Far East Cheerleading Competition at Camp Zama, Japan, Nov. 8–12. The team accomplished the feat with a 10-member contingent that includes four first-year cheerleaders.

The team also earned a bid to attend the National Cheerleading Championships, sponsored by the National Cheerleading Association, slated for Dec. 27–28 in Dallas. The Warriors’ Cheerleaders also won a number of additional team awards and eight of the team’s 10 members were nominated for All-America honors for their outstanding individual display of skill, leadership ability and attitude.

To earn their bid to the national championships, the team put together a 30-second “Home Cheer” consisting of a verbal cheer, stunts, tumbling and jumps to demonstrate their technical ability and skills. Entrants are scored in a variety of categories. Teams that score the requisite amount of points receive a bid to nationals.

“It is easy to come up with a home cheer but difficult to perfect,” said Tonya Hagander, who has been the Taegu American School Warriors’ cheerleading co-coach for three years. “We came up with a solid set of words then incorporated the moves, jumps and tumbling.”

The competition was integrated into a cheerleading camp held by the National Cheerleading Association. The camp drew 110 participants from Korea, Japan and Guam.



PHOTO BY GALEN PUTNAM
Senior Angela Cho, member of the Taegu American School Varsity Cheerleading Squad performs at a show March 7, at Camp Walker’s Kelly Gym.

On the first day of the camp, the 12 participating teams presented their home cheers in an effort to earn a bid to nationals.

During the ensuing days, participants learned a variety of skills and techniques from camp staffers. They were required to incorporate their newly acquired talents into a two-minute routine made up entirely from materials they learned during the camp to present at the Far East Competition held on the final day of the camp.

The Warriors proved to be quick learners, topping the E.J. King School from Saesebo, Japan, that took second place and Osan American School that came in third.

“We are really proud of our team. They really worked hard,” said Hagander, who is also a third grade teacher at the school. “This is pretty much unprecedented for a team that included four girls who

are brand new and have never cheered before. Usually a squad that goes to nationals has been together for several years.”

One of those “newbies” said she was excited to be a part of the team.

“Dance isn’t offered at TAS and this is the closest thing, so I decided to sign up,” said Megan Gardner who has a background in ballet and classical dance and has only been cheerleading for four months. “I feel like I’m a part of something big. I never imagined I’d be going to nationals in such a short time.”

The team’s other co-coach, Heather Robinson, who is also an Area IV Support Activity substance abuse counselor, sees things from a broader perspective.

“We’ve watched the squad build up over the last four years, not just in interest and ability but in commitment,” she said. “I knew they would do well. In fact, at nationals I expect they will win because of their dedication and commitment to perfection.”

With the number of honors and awards the team won at the Far East Competition, it might appear as though there isn’t much room left for improvement.

The Warriors won the Spirit Award that goes to the team that best exemplifies true team spirit and camaraderie. Fellow camp participants select the Spirit Award. They were also Spirit Stick winners as the squad showing the most sincere spirit and enthusiasm throughout the entire weeklong camp. In addition, they received the Technical Excellence Award for their superior skills in areas such as motion sharpness, timing, voice projection and others.

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32nd KSC Company takes top honors for second year

By Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HENRY – The 32nd Korean Service Corps Company at Camp Henry was named the top company in the Korean Service Corps Battalion for the second year in a row, and third of the last four, at an annual awards dinner Jan. 16 at the Republic of Korea Ministry of National Defense Club in Seoul.

The annual awards recognize and pay respect to the Korean Service Corps organization and its personnel and express appreciation to all those involved in the successful accomplishment of the KSC Battalion's missions during the past year. KSC employees contribute to military readiness by performing combat support and combat service support functions for U.S. Army units across the peninsula.

"I attribute the 32nd KSC Company's success to the company's leadership and attention to detail. They are our most proactive company. They don't wait for missions to come to them. For example, after Typhoon Maemi they were knocking on doors asking what they could do to help," said Sgt. Maj. Harold J. Mullen, KSC Bn. sergeant major. "They think and train throughout, with no peaks and valleys. They are consistently striving to achieve and maintain ever higher goals."

Competing with 14 other KSC companies from throughout the peninsula for the calendar year 2003 awards, the 32nd KSC Company also took home the best company award in the logistics category.

"I would like to thank my co-workers for a



PHOTO BY GALEN PUTNAM

Yi Tong-un, 32nd KSC Company training coordinator and company administrator, secures a shipping container after it was lowered into the back of a truck for transport to Daegu Middle School in preparation for the unit's annual mobilization exercise in August 2003.

job well done," said Pak Chan-U, commander of the 32nd KSC Co. "All of us here, including myself, take great pride in what we have accomplished. I believe the key to our success was the fact that everyone worked together as one. We have a great team where everyone cares about each other, has great relationship, and respects and trusts each other."

Area IV officials are pleased with the support

the 32nd KSC Company provides the Daegu Community.

"The 32nd KSC Company has always been available to us. When we were in drastic need of help following the recent typhoon, the 32nd was able to quickly mobilize its people to provide support and aid in the recovery effort," said Col. James M. Joyner, commander, 20th Support Group and Area IV Support Activity. "They are very professional, have great attitudes and are willing to work 24-hours-a-day if necessary to make the mission happen."

The 32nd KSC Co. is one of only four KSC companies with a mission to deploy, set up and operate a mobilization station in the event of hostilities.

The KSC Battalion, comprised of noncombatant civilians, was activated July 26, 1950, by presidential decree with a goal of providing each U.S. corps with 500 men.

Originally named the Civilian Transportation Corps, the unit was formally reorganized as the KSC on May 15, 1951. The KSC reached strength of more than 100,000 in November 1952.

Guest speaker at the annual dinner and awards ceremony was Maj. Gen. George A. Higgins, 8th U.S. Army assistant chief of staff for Operations, who presented Best KSC Company of the Year Awards in seven categories and KSC Employee of the Year Awards in six areas.

The 32nd KSC Company was also recognized for having the top logistics operation within the battalion.

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성인에게 필요한 예방접종

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*왜 예방접종을 해야 하나?

예방접종은 질병을 일으키는 병원균이나 그 병원균이 만들어 낸 독성 물질, 혹은 병원균과 유사한 균을 사람의 몸 속에 주입함으로써 그 사람이 균에 감염된 것과 같은 상태를 인위적으로 유발시켜 병에 걸렸다 나은 후와 같은 면역성을 얻게 하는 것이다. 이렇게 얻어진 면역성은 만일 그 사람의 몸에 예방접종시 사용했던 것과 같거나 유사한 병원균이 몸 안에 들어오는 경우 그 효과를 발휘 하여, 병에 걸리는 것을 막아 주거나 혹시 병에 걸리더라도 질병의 경과를 짧게 하고 증상이나 후유증을 약화시키게 된다. 따라서 병의 증상 및 후유증이 심하고 사망률이 높은 질병에 대해서는 효과적인 예방접종 방법만 있다면 남녀노소를 막론하고 예방접종을 하는 것이 좋다.

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-B형간염 예방접종

우리나라 사람들의 B형간염균 보유율은 남자는 8.0%, 여자는 6.2% 정도로 추정되며, 6개월 이상 만성적으로 균을 보유하는 경우는 남자 4.7%, 여자 3.3%로 추정되고 있다. 이는 다른 나라에 비하면 매우 높은 비율이다. 일단 간염균의 만성보균자가 되면 보균상태를 벗어나기 어려울 뿐만 아니라 간염균 보유자의 간경화나 간암의 발생이 일반인보다 훨씬 더 많다는 것을 생각하면 매우 심각한 문제라고 할 수 있다. 하지만 다행히도 B형간염균에 대해서는 효과적인 예방접종 방법이 개발되어 많은 사람들을 B형 간염의 위험에서 벗어나게 해주고 있다. 원래 B형간염 예방접종은 감염의 위험이 높은 일부 사람들에게만 권유되나, 우리나라는 앞서서도 살펴본 바와 같이 감염률이 높아서 우리나라에 살고 있는 사람 모두에게 접종이 필요하다. 간염 백신은 여러 종류가 있으며, 약제에 따라 접종간격이 약간 다를 수 있지만 기본접종으로 대개 3~4개월에 걸쳐 3회 접종(근육주사)을 하고 있다. 기본접종후 5년이 지나 추가접종을 하는 것에 대해서는 약간의 논란이 있지만 현재까지는 시행하는 것을 원칙으로 하고 있다. 예방접종의 효과는 3회 접종 후에 항체가 생기는율이 95%정도로 보고된 바 있지만, 정상 성인에게서 B형 간염 백신 3회 기본접종 후에도 항체가 생기지 않는 확률이 10~15%나 된다는 보고도 있다. 이런 경우에는 다시 3회 접종을 하는데 이 경우 약 반수 정도에서 항체가 형성된다고 한다. B형간염 백신은 그 안정성이 입증되었으며 백신과 관련된 심각한 부작용은 관찰되지 않아서다. 가장 흔한 부작용으로는 접종부위가 일시적으로 아플 수 있으며, 그 외에 주사부위가 빨갛게 되거나 부어오르고 간혹 미열이 생기기도 한다.

-파상풍

파상풍은 매우 치명적인 질환으로, 우리나라에서 보고된 발생건수는 그리 많지 않으나 실제 발생자수는 꽤 있을 것으로 생각 된다. 현재 파상풍 예방접종은 성인이나 소아 모

두에게 필수로 추천되고 있으나, 우리나라에서는 DPT란 백신 형태로 디프테리아 나 백일해 예방접종과 동시에 주로 소아에게만 실시하고 있고, 성인에게 10년마다 권장하고 있는 추가접종은 거의 실시되지 않고 있다.

*적응증을 가진 사람은 꼭 해야 할 예방접종

-인플루엔자

인플루엔자는 해마다 발생률이 다르지만 수년 간격으로 세계적인 유행이 발생하는 질환으로, 우리나라에서는 보통 건조하고 추운 11월 말에서 다음해 4월 사이에 유행하는데 2,3월에 가장 많이 발생한다. 인플루엔자로 인한 입원이나 사망은 정상인에게서는 드물지만 65세 이상의 노인 환자나 만성질환을 앓는 사람에게서는 입원이나 사망자수가 정상인의 수십 배 이상이다. 따라서 인플루엔자 예방접종은 이 질환으로 인한 사망위험이 높은 사람들(인플루엔자의 합병증이 잘 생기는 위험군 : 심혈관계나 폐의 질환을 만성적으로 앓고 있는 성인, 만성적인 질환으로 입원 중이거나 요양소에 수용 중인 사람, 65세 이상의 남녀, 당뇨 등 대사이상, 신부전, 면역억제 상태의 환자)과, 그 외에 이들 위험군에게 인플루엔자를 전염시킬 가능성이 있는 사람들에게만 적극 권유되고 있다. 현재 국내에는 여러 종류의 백신이 있는데 그 효과는 백신에 의해 유발되는 면역 반응의 정도와 현재 유행하는 균주와 백신균주의 유사 정도 등에 의해 달라진다. 예방접종에 의한 방어효과는 약 80% 정도이며, 그 효과는 약 1년 정도밖에 지속되지 않아서 매년 예방접종을 해야만 한다. 접종횟수는 1회로 매년 가을 11월 이전에 맞는 것이 좋다. 예방접종 후에 흔히 생길 수 있는 부작용으로는 주사부위의 통증이나 가려움증이 있고 그외에 발열, 근육통, 두통과 같은 전신증상이 있다.

-폐렴구균

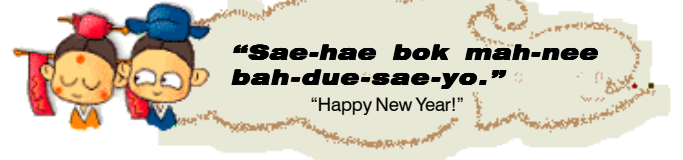
우리나라에서는 아직 폐렴구균감염의 발생률과 사망률에 대해서 정확히 조사된 바는 없다. 그러나 여러 나라에서의 추세를 감안해 보면 우리나라의 폐렴구균감염의 발생률이 증가할 것으로 생각된다. 폐렴구균감염의 위험군은 인플루엔자와 비슷하여 65세 이상의 노인과 고위험환자(심혈관질환, 폐질환, 당뇨병, 알코올중독, 간경화, 뇌척수액의 누출, 호즈킨병, 임파종, 골수종, 만성신부전, 신증후군, 면역억제제를 투여 받고 있는 장기이식 환자, 2세 이상의 후천성면역결핍증 환자), 집단시설에 수용되어 있는 55세 이상의 성인으로 이들 위험군에게만 예방접종을 권하고 있다. 일생에 단 한 번만 접종 받으면 되는데, 집단시설에 수용된 성인은 55세가 될 때, 일반인은 65세 될 때 예방접종을 받는 것이 좋다. 비장절제를 받게 되는 경우는 비장절제 2 주 전, 항암제나 면역억제제 투여를 받게 되는 경우는 투여 2주전에 받는 것이 좋다. 그리고 위에서 설명한 고위험군은 언제라도 예방접종을 받아야 한다.

This article is about
"Protective Immunization".

Learn Korean Easily



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Single Consonants											
ㄱ	ㄴ	ㄷ	ㄹ	ㅁ	ㅂ	ㅅ	ㅇ	ㅈ	ㅊ	ㅋ	ㅌ
gu	nu	du	ru, lu	mu	bu	shu, su	ng	ju	chu	kuh	tuh
Double Consonants											
ㄲ		ㄸ			ㅃ			ㅆ			ㅊ
ggu		ddu			bbu			ssu			jju
Single Vowels											
ㅏ	ㅑ	ㅓ	ㅕ	ㅗ	ㅛ	ㅜ	ㅠ	ㅡ	ㅣ		
ah	yah	uh	yoh	oh	yo	oo	you	ue	ee		
Double Vowels											
ㅘ	ㅙ		ㅚ	ㅜ	ㅛ	ㅞ		ㅟ	ㅠ	ㅢ	
ae			yeh	weh	wah		wuh	wee		ui	

Word of the week

새해

ㅅ ; s, ㅏ ; ae /
ㅎ ; h, ㅏ ; ae
'sae-hae'

New Year

The phrase of the week

"I wish you good health in the New Year."

새해에도 건강하세요.

Sae-hae-ae-doh guhn-gahng-hah-sae-yo.

in the New Year

I wish you good health

Conversation of the week

새해에 뭘 원하세요?

Sae-hae-ae

mwuhl wuhn-hah-sae-yo?

What do you want in the New Year?

(금연)이요.

(Guem-yuhn)-ee-yo.

I want to (quit smoking).

아직도 담배 피우세요?

Ah-jeek-doh dahm-bae

pee-oo-sae-yo?

Do you still smoke?

네.

Nae.

Yes, I do.

빨리 금연하세요.

Bbahl-lee

guem-yuhn hah-sae-yo.

Please quit smoking right away.

알겠습니다.

Ahl-gae-suem-nee-dah.

All right.

(진급) (*jeen-guep*) (promotion)

(건강) (*guhn-gahng*) (health)

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